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*Addenda and Errata.

ALBERTA CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Third Annual Session, held at
Edmonton, Alberta, March 21-25, 1917

OFFICERS

WALTER A. SELLEW, *President*
R. H. SHOUP, *Secretary* F. B. LEWIS, *Assistant Secretary*
R. R. HAIGHT, *Treasurer* C. G. HEATH, *Sunday-school Secretary*
R. H. SHOUP, *Railroad Secretary*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—W. A. Sellew, R. H. Shoup, W. J. Henderson.
On Publications—C. G. Heath, Almond Taylor, Jay Allen.
On Sabbath-schools—R. R. Haight, William Garvie, A. S. Lockrem.
On Education—R. H. Shoup, Charles Potter.
On State of the Work—R. H. Shoup, J. W. Arnett.
On Collecting Funds to Publish the Minutes—C. W. Cronin.
On Reforms—Ada Henderson, Florence E. Haight.
On Charities—A. S. Stambaugh, C. L. Shoup.
Purity Press Committee—R. H. Shoup, J. W. Arnett.
To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—J. W. Arnett.
To Audit Treasurer's Report—C. W. Cronin.
Conference Historical Committee—R. H. Shoup, R. R. Haight, F. B. Lewis.
On Nominations—R. H. Shoup, R. R. Haight, J. W. Arnett.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Publications—C. G. Heath, *On Sunday-schools*—Florence E. Haight,
On Reforms—R. R. Haight, *On Charities*—A. C. Calhoon,
On Education—C. W. Cronin.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

R. H. Shoup, president; C. G. Heath, secretary and treasurer; J. W. Arnett,
Almond Taylor.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN THE COURSE OF STUDY

C. G. Heath, president, time expires 1918; R. H. Shoup, secretary, time expires
1917.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Conference Claimants, Permanent Fund; second quarter, General Missions, Bishops' Salaries; third quarter, Conference Missions; fourth quarter, Church Extension, Entertainment of General Conference.

CUSTODIANS OF THE ROBERT HAMILTON FUND

A. S. Stambaugh, president; R. H. Shoup, secretary and treasurer; A. Wiancko.

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTIC BOARD

C. G. Heath, president; J. W. Arnett, secretary and treasurer; C. L. Shoup,
A. S. Stambaugh, Oswald Lyons.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Mrs. Alice Heath, president, 8405 114th avenue, Edmonton, Alberta; Mrs. Ada Henderson, vice-president, Bruce, Alberta; Mrs. Martha Wilson, recording secretary, Bruce, Alberta; Mrs. Florence E. Haight, treasurer, Alderson, Alberta; Mrs. Bertha Calhoon, Junior superintendent, Bashaw, Alberta.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

R. H. Shoup,	R. R. Haight,	A. S. Stambaugh,
C. T. Dierks,	C. W. Cronin,	C. G. Heath.

(Woman evangelist occupying a seat, Mrs. Ada Henderson.)

DELEGATES

Almond Taylor,	C. L. Shoup,	A. S. Lockrem.
Jay Allen,	J. W. Arnett,	
William Garvie,	Charles Potter,	

2. Who are the stationing committee? W. A. Sellew, R. H. Shoup, J. W. Arnett.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? A. C. Calhoon, G. W. Forrester.

4. Who remain on trial? F. B. Lewis, D. S. Forrester.

5. Who are admitted into full membership? C. W. Cronin.

6. Who are the deacons? R. R. Haight, C. W. Cronin.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? A. S. Stambaugh.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? C. G. Heath, from Kentucky and Tennessee conference.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? W. H. Haight, B. H. Green, O. L. King.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? The place was left with the district elder. Time: July, 1918, in connection with a camp meeting.

APPOINTMENTS

NORTHERN DISTRICT—R. H. SHOUP, District Elder, 902 First avenue, N. W., Calgary, Alberta.

Edmonton
 ... C. G. Heath, Alice Heath, supply, 8405 114th avenue, Edmonton, Alberta
 Bruce, Philips and Lake Alice.....
 W. J. Henderson, Ada Henderson, supplies, Bruce, "
 Lake Geneva and Manville.....To be supplied
 Sullivan Lake, Fleet and Gadsby. Walter Walker, supply, Sullivan Lake, Alberta
 Lacombe and Meadow Brook.....G. W. Forrester, Lacombe, "
 Tristram and Manfred. A. C. Calhoon, Bertha Calhoon, supply, Bashaw, "
 Earlville and Eastside.....C. W. Cronin, Earlville, "
 Delburne.....J. W. Arnett, supply, Tristram, "

O. L. King, transferred to Washington conference; B. H. Green, transferred to Washington conference; W. H. Haight, transferred to South Dakota conference; C. T. Dierks, left without an appointment according to paragraph 116; A. S. Stambaugh, superannuated.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT—R. H. SHOUP, District Elder.

Calgary and Wayne
 The district elder in charge (Paragraph 118), Leila Furguson,
 supply Calgary, Alberta
 Armada and Kinnondale.....D. S. Forrester, Armada, "
 Alderson and Jenner....."
R. R. Haight, Florence E. Haight, supply, Alderson. "
 Travers and Wheat Center.....F. B. Lewis, Travers, "
 R. H. Shoup, member of Southern district quarterly conference.

MISCELLANEOUS

The third session of the Alberta conference was held in Edmonton, a city of about 65,000 population. The meetings were held in the Free Methodist church and the meals were served at a hall near by. Brother and Sister W. J. Henderson had charge of the boarding department and got to themselves a name for excellent management. Bishop W. A. Sellew presided at the business sittings with grace and promptness. His preaching was clear and persuasive and we wish for him many years in which to preach the gospel. Sister Sellew was also abundant in labors. Four harmonious sittings of the conference were held.

On Sunday morning C. W. Cronin was ordained deacon.

Sunday afternoon the W. F. M. society held a very interesting meeting in interest of the missionary work. The Bishop delivered the address, which was full of valuable information and encouragement. An offering of over \$100.00 in cash was taken.

Brother and Sister C. G. Heath of the Kentucky and Tennessee conference arrived for the first sitting and are taking work with us.

The preachers all seem to have taken their appointments with cheerfulness, and are going to their fields of labor with faith for a year of victory.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON STATE OF THE WORK

Through the grace of God we have been mercifully kept from divisions among ourselves during the past year. A spirit of mutual love prevails and has been manifested by the stronger circuits supporting the weaker ones. Preachers who have had the best financial support have shared with those who were in need. We feel that this is as it should be.

Along missionary lines we have taken some forward steps. The circulation of the *Free Methodist* has been increased. The sale of books published by our publishing house has been much larger than ever before. The laymen are to be commended for their loyalty to the cause as expressed by their attendance at our general gatherings, their financial assistance and their fervent prayers.

We humble ourselves in view of the fact that we face a great white harvest field and we are conscious that the laborers are few. We deplore our own weakness, but look to the omnipotent God and address ourselves to the work for the salvation of souls. "Best of all, God is with us."

II.—ON REFORMS

The definition of reform as given by Mr. Webster is, to correct, to change from worse to better, to mend, to improve, etc. It will be seen that this covers a large field. It has been said the room for improvement is the largest room in the world. As a church, we stand opposed to every evil and pledge sup-

port to all reform movements, properly carried on, for the betterment of humanity and the upbuilding of Christ's kingdom on earth.

1. *Sabbath*.—"Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy," is the command enjoined upon all people. It is deplorable how this command is disregarded in so many ways. We fear that some of our people ignore this command by visiting too much on the Sabbath day.

2. *Evil Speaking*.—This is one evil tremendously large. Is there any one who can answer to the charge, "Not guilty"? The Word of God says, "The tongue can no man tame," yet we believe *God* can. What society is there anywhere that has not suffered more or less from this evil? All preachers should observe the Discipline in regards to reading Mr. Wesley's Sermon on Evil Speaking. Let us, as a church, be on our guard against this one thing, remembering to keep our tongue from evil and our lips from speaking guile.

3. *Dress*.—This subject needs our attention. We must not ignore the plain requirements of God's Word. We stand opposed to the Godless fashions so prevalent in this our day. We believe, with our Discipline, that this is no time to give encouragement to superfluity of apparel. Paul, in his letter to Timothy, says, "That women adorn themselves in modest apparel." On the other hand, we command cleanliness and tidiness in dress and believe that many would be more useful for God and the church if they would give more attention to personal appearance.

4. *Discipline*.—We would urge our people to the study of our Church Discipline. Do not depend upon your own idea of government. Many have made serious mistakes by doing this. Read: Rules for Preachers' Conduct. Familiarize yourself with the laws of the church which you represent. Do not preach your individual convictions, but study to "show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth."

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE ALBERTA CONFERENCE

Alberta Conference

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CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers and Evangelists	Copies of "Tree Methodists" Taken	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars (Number Enrolled)	Members in Home Department	Names on Cradle Roll	Total Enrollment	General Conference (Assessed Claims) Total Only	Foreign Missions	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Educational Fund	Raised for Sunday School Expenses
Edmonton District	R. H. Shoup, D. E.	28	1	29	1	7	1	4	30	...	...	34	\$ 33 25	\$ 14 10	\$ 41 80	\$ 2 20	\$ 50 00
Edmonton and Bartonville.	W. H. Haight.	29	2	31	1	8	2	13	98	...	...	111	24 70	14 10	41 80	2 20	59 91
Bruce and Phillips	F. B. Lewis	3	10	13	9	18	2	10	90	...	...	100	29 45	210 00	31 50	1 00	80 00
Lake Geneva	Ada Henderson and W. J. Henderson, sup.	44	1	45	2	11	1	11	25	...	...	32	29 45	...	...	3 00	6 00
Tristram and Earlville.	R. R. Haight.	4	12	16	1	7	1	7	35	...	...	46	6 65	...	...	3 75	7 00
Gadsby	D. S. Forester.	5	17	22	3	12	1	11	20	...	...	24	6 65	4 00	...	3 00	15 88
Sullivan Lake	G. W. Forester, sup.	3	1	4	1	15	2	2	37	...	...	45	23 75	252 00	...	3 00	53 90
Lacombe	C. W. Cronin.	21	1	22	1	15	1	7	27	...	...	34	6 65	...	...	4 60	6 50
Calgary	C. W. Cronin.	8	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Armada, Kinnondale and Travers	C. W. Cronin.	151	35	186	14	66	12	64	362	...	...	426	\$ 138 70	\$ 480 10	\$ 73 30	\$ 17 55	\$ 279 19
Alderson	C. W. Cronin.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total.		151	35	186	14	66	12	64	362	...	...	426	\$ 138 70	\$ 480 10	\$ 73 30	\$ 17 55	\$ 279 19
CHARGE	Raised in Sunday School for Foreign Missions	Raised for Children's Fund	Raised for General Conference S. S. Board	Raised for Annual Conference Sunday School Board	Raised in Sunday School for All Other Benevolences	Total Amount Raised in Sunday School	Conference Missions	Pastors' Support	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Support	Evangelists' Support	Incidentals	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parson Property	
Edmonton District	\$ 1 87	\$ 2 33	\$ 65	\$ 65	\$ 63 24	\$ 19 87	\$ 8	\$ 278 81	\$ 81	\$ 47 25	\$ 2 75	\$ 28 80	80	\$ 3500	1	\$ 1500	
Edmonton and Bartonville.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bruce and Phillips	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lake Geneva	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tristram and Earlville.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gadsby	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sullivan Lake	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lacombe	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Calgary	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Armada, Kinnondale and Travers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Alderson	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total.	\$ 13 65	\$ 13 65	\$ 292 84	\$ 34 75	\$ 3376 61	\$ 141	\$ 682 93	\$ 592 75	\$ 391 20	\$ 5	\$ 6900	3	\$ 2900				

† Camp meeting collections.

\$104.75 of this amount was paid to W. J. Henderson.

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† Camp meeting collections.

COLUMBIA RIVER CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Twenty-second Annual Session,
held at Spokane, Washington, April 4-8, 1917

OFFICERS

WALTER A. SELLEW, *President*
GEORGE T. KLEIN, *Secretary* N. W. FINK, *Assistant Secretary*
J. E. BRADLEY, *Statistical Secretary* S. M. SMITH, *Auditor*
N. W. FINK, *Treasurer*, E. 1823 Mallon avenue, Spokane, Washington
ROY V. SMITH, Billings, Montana; LULU POND, Colville, Washington;
ELTON SMITH, Cloverland, Washington; FRANK FISHER, Caldwell,
Idaho, *Sunday-school Secretaries*

COMMITTEES

On Nominations—George E. Kline, H. E. Kreider, H. M. Matson, F. E. Pond,
E. W. Achilles.
On Public Worship—E. W. Achilles, N. W. Fink, H. M. Matson.
On Education—George E. Kline, H. E. Kreider, H. M. Matson.
On Sunday-schools—Guy Denney, M. L. Root, D. C. Briggs.
On Reforms—F. E. Pond, E. W. Achilles, S. M. Smith.
To Publish the Minutes—The secretaries.
On the State of the Work—The district elders, E. W. Achilles chairman.
To Examine the Quarterly Conference Records—J. E. Bradley, S. M. Smith.
To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—George E. Kline.
On Complimentary Resolutions—M. L. Schooley, E. W. Hillis.
On Aggressive Evangelism—George T. Klein, S. F. Wilson, August Pearson.
On Conference Missions—The stationing committee.
On Publications—M. L. Schooley, J. G. Anderson, Cora Hall.
On Charities—Myrtle Young, Frank Fisher, Lelah Gillaspie, Alfred Pugh,
Mary Bennett.
Press Committee—R. V. Swift, S. R. Klein.
On Ministerial Relations—F. E. Pond, E. W. Achilles, S. M. Smith, S. F. Wil-
son, H. M. Matson.
On Claimants and Claims—W. A. Sellew, E. W. Achilles, F. E. Pond, H. M.
Matson, S. M. Smith.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

F. E. Pond, president; J. E. Bradley, secretary; H. M. Matson; E. W. Achilles;
S. F. Wilson.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

George T. Klein (term expires 1922), first year; H. E. Kreider (term expires
1921), preliminary; George E. Kline, president (term expires 1920), fourth
year; M. L. Schooley (term expires 1919), third year; Guy Denney, secre-
tary (term expires 1918), second year.

TRUSTEES OF THE CONFERENCE

F. E. Pond, for five years; H. M. Matson, for four years; H. S. Smith, secretary-
treasurer, for three years; E. W. Achilles, president, for two years; H. E.
Kreider, for one year.

TRUSTEE FOR SEATTLE-PACIFIC COLLEGE

F. E. Pond, term expires 1918

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Sunday-schools—R. V. Swift, *On Aggressive Evangelism*, Myrtle
On Publications—M. L. Root, Young,
On State of the Work—F. E. Pond, *On Charities*—N. W. Fink,
On Education—J. E. Bradley, *On Reforms*—S. F. Wilson.

BOARD OF AGGRESSIVE EVANGELISM

F. E. Pond, president; E. W. Achilles, H. E. Kreider, S. F. Wilson, George E. Kline.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions, Bishops' Salaries; second quarter, Conference Claimants, Permanent Fund; third quarter, Church Extension, Foreign Missions; fourth quarter, Conference Missions (35 cents), General Conference Delegates' Expenses, General Conference Entertainment Fund, Entertainment of the Annual Conference (25 cents).

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REQUESTS FOR APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE GENERAL MISSIONARY BOARD

Pastor of Priest River circuit, \$50.00; pastor Billings circuit, \$25.00; pastor Tyler circuit, \$50.00.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Mrs. Nellie E. Pond, president, East 1824 Mallon avenue, Spokane, Washington; Mrs. N. W. Fink, recording secretary, East 1823 Mallon avenue, Spokane, Washington; Mrs. J. A. Edens, corresponding secretary, Othello, Washington; Mrs. E. W. Achilles, treasurer, East 1817 Desmet avenue, Spokane, Washington; Mrs. George E. Kline, Junior superintendent, Colville, Washington; Mrs. H. A. Wolcott, box superintendent, 2002 E. Sharpe avenue, Spokane, Washington.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

E. W. Achilles,
 J. S. Bradley,
 A. M. Bean,
 F. E. Pond,
 E. H. Stayt,
 Guy Denney,
 George T. Klein,
 J. W. Goode,
 M. L. Schooley,
 J. K. Mumau,
 S. F. Wilson,

J. G. Anderson,
 H. E. Kreider,
 George E. Kline,
 M. M. Cook,
 H. Beamish,
 M. L. Root,
 N. W. Fink,
 J. P. Neeley,
 Chas. Bullock,
 James Sprague,
 S. R. Sayre,

Roy E. Nichols,
 R. S. Washburn,
 R. V. Swift,
 J. E. Bradley,
 J. M. Roberson,
 E. W. Hillis,
 S. R. Klein,
 Alfred Pugh,
 Myrtle Young.

DELEGATES

August Pearson,
 H. M. Matson,
 Lelah Gillaspie,
 Charles Pengelly,
 Mary Bennett,

Cora Hall,
 C. E. Maxwell,
 George S. Lewis,
 R. L. Pickett,
 Gertie Berreman.

Frank Fisher,
 S. M. Smith,
 Fred Bruns,
 Nellie Thompson,
 D. C. Briggs.

2. Who are the stationing committee? W. A. Sellow, E. W. Achilles, F. E. Pond, S. F. Wilson, H. E. Kreider, S. M. Smith, H. M. Matson, Cora Hall, Frank Fisher.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? John M. Root, Elton Smith, Frank Fisher.
4. Who remain on trial? W. H. Payne, Elmer Swift.
5. Who are admitted into full connection? S. R. Klein, Myrtle Young, Alfred Pugh.
6. Who are the deacons? M. M. Cook, M. L. Root, J. P. Neeley.
7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? N. W. Fink.
8. Who have been located this year? M. M. Cook, Roy E. Nichols.
9. Who are the supernumerary preachers this year? M. L. Root.
10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? J. S. Bradley, S. R. Sayre.
11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? E. W. Hillis, from the Oregon conference.
12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.
13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? None.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.
15. Who have died this year? None.
- 16-20. See statistical table.
21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? J. S. Bradley, \$150.00; Lenora Edwards, \$75.00.
22. What amount is necessary for us to raise towards defraying the expenses of delegates to the General Conference? See treasurer's report.
23. What amount has been collected on the foregoing accounts and how has it been applied? See treasurer's report.
24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.
25. When and where shall our next conference be held? E. W. Achilles, F. E. Pond, S. M. Smith, H. M. Matson, and S. E. Scott were appointed a committee to fix the time and place.

APPOINTMENTS

SPOKANE DISTRICT—E. W. ACHILLES, District Elder, East 1817 Desmet avenue, Spokane, Washington.

Spokane and Houser.....
N. W. Fink, East 1823 Mallon avenue, Spokane, Washington
 Minnehaha.....H. Beamish, East 1810 Mallon avenue, Spokane, "
 Wild Rose and Scott's Valley.....To be supplied
 Harrington, Bluestem and Keystone....J. G. Anderson, Bluestem, Washington
 Priest River and Newport.....M. L. Schooley, Priest River, Idaho
 Chewelah, Addy and Arden.....J. W. Goode, Box 276, Chewelah, Washington
 Daisy and Summit Valley.....J. E. Bradley, Daisy, "
 Colville and Orin.....George E. Kline, Colville, "
 Kettle Falls and Pleasant Valley.....E. H. Stayt, Kettle Falls, "

A. M. Bean, evangelist, Colville, Washington; Roy E. Nichols, granted a certificate of location at his own request, membership at Colville, Washington; A. S. Wright, transferred to Oregon conference; E. W. Hillis, evangelist, 1713 North Stone street, Spokane, Washington; J. S. Bradley, superannuated, Daisy, Washington; John M. Root, attending school at Seattle-Pacific College.

MONTANA DISTRICT—H. E. KREIDER, District Elder, Simla, Montana.

Kalispell and Helena Flats.....
Myrtle A. Young, 224 West Fourth street, Kalispell, Montana
 Simla and Aloe.....To be supplied
 Holt and Ferndale.....J. Elmer Swift, Big Fork, Montana
 Lewistown and Winnifred.....To be supplied

Billings and Columbus.....Roy V. Swift, Billings, Montana
Denton.....To be supplied

R. S. Washburn, left without an appointment according to paragraph 116 of the Discipline.

WALLA WALLA DISTRICT—F. E. POND, District Elder, East 1824 Mallon avenue, Spokane, Washington.

Tekoa, Sanders and Emida.....S. Ralph Klein, Tekoa, Washington
Summervale.....To be supplied
St. John, Pine City and Lower Downing.....To be supplied
Grouse.....To be supplied
Summit, Lenore and Peck.....W. H. Payne, Summit, Idaho
Cloverland.....Elton B. Smith, Cloverland, Washington
Penawawa and Colfax.....Alfred Pugh, Penawawa, "
Athena and Weston Mountain.....

.....George T. Klein, Ella C. Klein, supply, Box 235, Athena, Oregon
Ping Circuit.....J. K. Mumau, Colfax, Washington
Tyler and Lake Valley.....Guy Denney, Tyler, Washington

M. M. Cook, granted a certificate of location at his own request, membership at Cloverland, Washington.

BOISE DISTRICT—S. F. WILSON, District Elder, Caldwell, Idaho.

Boise and Eagle.....S. C. Lyman, Boise, Idaho
Caldwell and Fruitland..S. F. Wilson, C. M. Clements, supply, Caldwell, "
Cascade and Round Valley.....James Sprague, Cascade, "
Deer Flat, Claytonia and Homedale.....
.....One to be supplied and Frank Fisher, Caldwell, "
Jerome and Wendell.....George Roark, supply, Jerome, "
St. Anthony and Idaho Falls.....To be supplied
Black Foot and Pocatello.....To be supplied
Twin Falls and Kimberly.....To be supplied
Nyssa and Ontario.....To be supplied
Fruitvale and Council.....J. P. Neeley, Cascade, Idaho

J. P. Neeley, conference missionary; Charles Bullock, left without an appointment according to paragraph 116 of the Discipline; S. R. Sayre, superannuated, R. D. No. 3, Notus, Idaho; M. L. Root, supernumerary, Caldwell, Idaho; J. M. Roberson, evangelist, Caldwell, Idaho.

LOCAL ELDERS

Peter Taylor....St. John, Washington M. M. Root....Reardon, Washington

LOCAL DEACONS

H. S. Smith...Penawawa, Washington Thomas Weir...New Plymouth, Idaho
S. Bartlowe.....Pomeroy, Washington

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Ella C. Klein.....Athena, Oregon Louisa Wilson.....Caldwell, Idaho
Hattie S. Smith, Penawawa, Washing- H. Luella Beamish, East 1810 Mallon
ton avenue, Spokane, Washington
Edna K. Pond....Colville, Washington

LOCAL PREACHERS

August Pearson....	Addy, Washington	Edward Nelson.....	Caldwell, Idaho
S. M. Smith....	Penawawa, "	C. F. Smith.....	Caldwell, "
G. S. Pond.....	Colville, "	Daniel Barr.....	Jerome, "
A. W. Countryman.....	Boise, Idaho	Charles Vogt.....	Caldwell, "
E. W. Wallace.....	Jerome, "	A. French.....	Boise, "
R. E. Greir.....	Tekoa, Washington	E. E. Lansing.....	Post Falls, "

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Emma R. Thomason, Cloverland, Wash- ington	Gertie Bell Whitbeck, Davenport, Washington
Lydia Stewart, Colville, Washington	

MISCELLANEOUS

The twenty-second annual session of the Columbia River conference was held at Spokane, Washington, April 4-8, 1917. Bishop W. A. Sellew was present and presided with impartiality. He was greatly blessed and was made a blessing to all. His addresses and sermons were delivered with much of the unction of the Spirit. Sister Sellew was with us and very satisfactorily represented the publishing house, also taking an active part in the missionary work. We were glad to meet Dr. O. E. Tiffany, of the Seattle-Pacific College. He came "in the fulness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ." The educational meeting held Friday night was an inspiration, \$1,250.00 being raised for the school. About \$1,800.00 was raised for all purposes during the conference. Revs. B. H. Alberts and A. N. West, of the Washington conference, and A. Beers, of the Oregon conference, were visitors a part or all of the time. The evangelistic services were greatly owned of the Lord in the salvation of souls, the altar being crowded with seekers at every service. The reports showed a substantial increase and the preachers received their appointments as in the will of the Lord. We have great reason to be encouraged in the conference.

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL MISSIONS—Assessed and paid, \$80.55.
 BISHOPS' SALARIES—Assessed and paid, \$96.66.
 CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS—Assessed and paid, \$268.50.
 PERMANENT FUND—Assessed and paid, \$26.85.
 CHURCH EXTENSION—Assessed and paid, \$53.70.
 GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES' EXPENSES—Assessed and paid, \$10.74.
 GENERAL CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT FUND—Paid, \$26.85.
 CHILDREN'S FUND—Paid, \$7.09.
 FOREIGN MISSIONS—Paid, \$42.97.
 GENERAL SUNDAY-SCHOOL BOARD—Paid, 93 cents.
 CONFERENCE MISSIONS—Paid, \$134.25. *Disbursed* as follows: E. W. Achilles, \$20.00; F. E. Pond, \$20.00; H. E. Kreider, \$33.55; S. F. Wilson, \$33.50; Athena circuit, \$27.10.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS

The instruction of the young relative to their spiritual interest was realized by our forefathers, as evidenced by such language as this, "And these words which I command thee this day shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thy house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest

down, and when thou risest up" (Deut. 6: 6, 7). But it remained for the present time to develop the Sunday-school as we have it to-day, well organized in almost every country, with conference and district conventions, and secretaries traveling in its interest all of the time. The church would be crippled indeed to dispense with the Sunday-school. The Sunday-school sustaining the relation to the church it does, from the very nature of the case it demands the utmost interest and cooperation of the church. The Sunday-school should be well manned. In childhood is when impressions are most easily made, and the foundation being the most essential part of the building, so in the building of character, principles imbibed and habits formed in early life mark the worth of the man, hence the superintendent and teachers should be godly men and women. The nursery man who is not careful of the seed he plants and the care he gives his trees while young will sooner or later wake up to the fact that his trees are not in demand. They may make shade trees and fill space, but as to their fruit it is a failure. If, as we hear, the Sunday-school is the nursery to the church, then the kind of fruit we have will depend on the seed sown and the care given the child while in the nursery. The church as a whole should be alive to the demands of the children. The framers of our Discipline saw this, hence the to-be pastor is asked if he will diligently instruct the children from house to house, but not only should the pastor be interested in the children but each member should be willing and anxious to see the Sunday-school prosper. We as a conference should congratulate ourselves for the interest and success our church is having in organizing and maintaining in the bounds of the Columbia River conference, having 1,000 or more scholars under our care. We do not know of a circuit in the conference without a well organized Sunday-school, and on many of the circuits there are two or more. Our Sunday-school conventions this year have been a decided success.

The literature put out by our publishing house for the Sunday-school is par excellent and we are pleased to note the tendency among our people to hold strictly to our publications. We are building for eternity. We have read some place that if you want to impress the people of to-day write it on paper, if a future generation, write it on marble; if the last generation, write on pillars of brass, but if for eternity, impress truth on the mind of a child. To do this great care and interest should be taken by the parents. The Sunday-school should have the cooperation of the home. Special days and programs can be made a great blessing to the Sunday-school.

II.—ON PUBLICATIONS

No public work can be propagated in these days without a liberal use of "printer's ink." A publishing house is a recognized necessity to the Free Methodist church. Being a necessity, and being the property of the whole church, the whole church ought to support it.

The leading publication of the church is the *Free Methodist*. It is second to no church paper in any denomination, and for every Free Methodist family it should have the first place in the home reading matter. The fact is, however, that it is not as extensively taken as it should be. For this our pastors are largely to blame. We should urge every family in our congregations to take it, and keep at it until they do. We often find other inferior religious papers taken by our people. We would urge that every pastor make a systematic, persistent canvass for the paper.

Next in importance comes our Sunday-school literature. It is clean doctrinally and is used not only in our own Sunday-schools, but in those of other denominations as well. Our weekly Sunday-school paper, *The Light and Life Evangel*, is not equalled by any other Sunday-school paper we have ever seen. It is clean, devotional and holds the highest ideals before the young.

The *Missionary Tidings* is full of useful and inspiring missionary intelligence and should be taken in every Free Methodist family as an inspiration to missionary zeal.

The book department represented at this conference by Sister Sellow pro-

vides us as a people with clean, wholesome books and is most particular not to handle any book that is not doctrinally clean. This is a tremendous argument in favor of patronizing the publishing house. There is so much false doctrine published in these days that it stands us well in hand to place before our families only that which is clean and pure. When a family or society own a store they patronize it preferably to trading elsewhere. Why should not we as a people do the same by our publishing house?

III.—ON REFORMS

The Free Methodist church is not, nor ever was, a mere reform movement. It has ever had but one distinctive and supreme issue, and that to spread Scriptural holiness throughout the length and breadth of the land. On this subject Dr. John McCintock, first president of the Drew Theological Seminary, said of Methodism: "As to its theology, it takes the old theology of the Christian church, but it takes one element which no other Christian church has dared to put forward as a prominent feature in theology. In ours it is the very point from which we view all theology. Now listen; I want that to be understood. Knowing exactly what I say, and taking the full responsibility of it, I repeat, we are the only church in history from the apostles' time until now that has put forward as its very elemental thought—the great, central, pervading idea of the whole Book of God from the beginning to the end—the holiness of the human soul, heart, mind and will. Go through all the confessions of all the churches, and you will find this in no other. You will find even some of them that blame us in their books and writings. It may be called fanaticism, but, dear friends, that is our mission. * * * Our work is a moral work—that is to say, the work of making men holy. Our preaching is for that, our church agencies are for that, our schools, colleges, universities, and theological seminaries are for that. There is our mission—there is our glory—there is our power, and there shall be the ground of our triumph. God keep us true."

It is the proud boast of the Free Methodist church that the privilege and glory of promulgating Scriptural holiness is the peculiar and particular heritage given her by the mother church. And any one conversant with the early struggles of our fathers, who at the cost of everything "remained loyal to the heroic ideals of the elder times," will not, we judge, question the validity of that claim. May we, as their sons, pray: "God keep us true."

While holiness is our distinctive theme, yet we have, throughout our denominational history, stood firmly and, practically, unitedly by all those reforms which make for the stability and social betterment of our Republic.

We as an annual conference have no disposition to "remove the ancient landmarks," which make for a strong and stable people. But to the contrary, we register in every honorable way our emphatic protest against all civic unrighteousness.

The Legalized Liquor Traffic. Bacchus, at whose altar so many have worshiped, the debaucher of man, that child of hell, has slain his tens of millions. He has had a large and popular following, and has been acclaimed by untold multitudes down through the centuries. It has seemed at times that he was so firmly intrenched in the affections of the debauchees and the lovers of filthy lucre that to dethrone him would be impossible. But we are thankful that, through the organized and persistent efforts of the lovers of sobriety, this demon of lust has been routed, and, we believe, the time is not now far distant when he shall be driven from our fair land; and in the place of his reeking altars shall be seen the march of industry and peace. "God speed the day."

We are still opposed to insidious *Rome*. We consider the Roman church to be a religio-political regime. Her aim is to further the interests of a foreign ruler. The interests of the "man of the Tiber," and those of a free and liberty-loving people are incompatible. Therefore, so far as she presumes to meddle in politics and with our free institutions she should be exposed, opposed, and deposed.

Secrecy. Secret societies are out of joint with a true appreciation of that

statement of our beloved Lincoln: "Government of the people, by the people, and for the people." It can not be said that the interests of all the people are taken into account by men who bind themselves together and promise, under solemn oath, to conserve the interests of one another in preference to the interests of the whole. We hold that such institutions are un-American, un-Christian, a menace to the home and the church.

We deplore the laxity of the divorce laws; Mormonism; graft; dishonesty in high places; evil speaking; et al.

We plead for a stricter observance of the Sabbath; for a fuller conformity to the Discipline in the manner of dress; a more conscientious conformity to the general rules; the practise of self-denial; and a heartier response in supporting the work of the Lord on the part of all, instead of depending on the few.

United we stand, divided we fall. This premise being allowed, it easily appears necessary to discourage any tendency or move leading toward disharmony among the brethren. One of the most baneful influences that can be fostered in any mutual assembly is that of partisanship. It happens at times that a portion of the members of a conference get together at or before conference and select their men for the various offices, and form their tactics to be used in electing them to those places. The harm of such a procedure may not be realized by those responsible; but if that condition is permitted a place in any assembly wreck can but follow. Secret caucusing is one of the things charged against the "Regency" power of the Genesee conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, and so bitterly complained of during those stormy years of the fifth decade of the nineteenth century. The claim of sincerity made for the like or similar caucusing will always be questioned. It usually, if not always, has back of it a desire to carry through some personal preference. The tendency of such conduct is to work a hardship upon others, and division is the inevitable. Dull indeed is that one who can not see the manifest unfairness to those whose sense of honor would not permit them to consort in the like conduct. Such scheming may pass unchallenged in the halls of partisan politics, but not among holiness people. "Behold, how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." But how can they so dwell, as long as the principle of discord is harbored?

IV.—ON EDUCATION

Education implies not so much the communication of knowledge as the discipline of the intellect, the establishment of the principles, and the regulation of the heart. It calls into activity and trains the latent forces of man's three-fold nature, thus preparing him for the high purpose of his creation.

As a nation we may boast of as good an educational system as the world affords. In every quarter of the country our youth may receive necessary instruction with comparative ease. The college and university afford such opportunity for higher learning that we designate the time in which we live as a day of scientific advancement. It is sad, however, to think that with this enlightenment has come the encroachment of the enemies of true education. As a result of their efforts the Bible is forbidden her proper place in the school room and very questionable activities, such as dancing, high school theatricals and inter-scholastic athletic games with other questionable diversions from educational work, are not only allowed but encouraged. The fraternity has established social caste, and moral decline has resulted. Large money endowments of schools have secured adequate equipment and learned instruction. But the fact that modern education has bowed to the shrine of "World Wisdom" has fostered a spirit of skepticism and infidelity. Our young people are not safe in the hands of such idolatry. We may be able to handle the situation during the years of childhood and early youth, but we are not able to stem the tide of agnosticism, higher criticism and social caste under which our young people will be placed in the more advanced educational work of the high school and college. The

demand is imperative for an institution of learning where it is clearly demonstrated that the principles of the Christian religion absolutely require a holy heart and life and make ample provision for the same.

In his History of the Free Methodist Church Bishop Hogue states: "The men who were chiefly instrumental in founding the Free Methodist church were for the most part men who had been trained in colleges or universities. Accordingly they were also men who knew and appreciated the worth of education as an equipment for one's life-work, whatever that work might be." The Seattle-Pacific College affords us just the opportunity we need for fostering the educational and religious principles of our founders. We appreciate the devotion, scholarship and able management of Dr. Tiffany and believe they bespeak for the institution success educationally, spiritually and financially.

We most heartily recommend to the constituency of the Columbia River conference the Seattle-Pacific College as an institution in every respect deserving of their sympathy, prayers and support both as to students and finances. We further commit ourselves to an every-member canvass for the support of the institution.

We would also recommend to the board of trustees of the Seattle-Pacific College that they appoint some suitable person in the Columbia River conference and agreeable to the conference to act as an agent for the school within the bounds of said conference.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE COLUMBIA RIVER CONFERENCE

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers and Evangelists	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars (Number Enrolled)	Members in Home Department	Names on Cradle Roll	Total Enrollment	General Conference (Assessed Chms)	Foreign Missions	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Educational Fund	Raised for Sunday School Expenses
Spokane District																	
Spokane and Liberty Avenue.....	E. W. Achilles, D. E.	71	10	81	4	12	2	16	196	23	13	242	\$ 61 95	\$ 5 00	\$ 40 50	\$	\$ 92 10
Conville and Ohio.....	N. W. Fiske.....	65	18	73	8	8	2	16	131	9	42	194	52 50				35 00
Chevelan, Addy and Arden.....	Geo. E. Kline.....	37	14	51	1	10	2	10	70			80	35 70	27 65	114 75		54 50
Daisy and Summit Valley.....	Geo. Klein, supply.....	37	6	43	1	7	1	12	49	5	16	82	43 05	20 60			41 80
Harrington, Bluestem and Key stone.....	J. E. Bradley, supply.....	16	1	17	1	6	1	6	40			46	16 80		84 75		13 85
Newport and Priest River.....	I. G. Anderson.....	6	1	7	1	1	1	3	27	2	1	32	5 25			1 25	43 85
Wild Rose.....	M. L. Schooley.....	17	5	22	7	1	1	5	26			31	4 80		17 30		21 00
Tyler.....	Ino. M. Root, supply.....	7		7	1	1							8 32				
Walla Walla District	E. W. Achilles.....					1											
Tekoa and Summervale.....	F. E. Pond, D. E. Roy Denney, Chas. Mayers, supply.....	33	6	39	2	6	2	13	67			80	34 05		117 00		
St. John, Pine City and Lower Downing.....	S. Ralph Klein.....	16	3	19	1	6	1	4	16			20	19 95		17 25		9 50
Pendak and Colfax.....	Alfred Pagle, supply.....	32	3	35	5	15	1	6	60			66	37 80	7 00	227 74		
Athena and Weston Mountain.....	J. W. Goole.....	16	3	19		6							17 85				
Cloverland.....	Emma Thomson, sup. Wm. H. Payne.....	22	1	23	2	5	1	11	168	10	30	219	23 10		12 61		99 40
Summit, Lenore and Peck.....	S. F. Wilson, D. E. James Sprague.....	25	2	27	3	6	1	7	30			57	27 20	59 43			33 27
Boise.....	J. M. Robertson.....	35		35	4	11	1	6	50			56	33 90				
Deer Flat and Homedale.....	S. F. Wilson, Louisa.....	20	1	21	1	7	1	5	35			40	21 00				18 52
Caldwell and Fruitland.....	J. P. Neely, supply.....	13	1	14	3	1	1	8	49			48	14 70				30 00
Cascade and Round Valley.....	E. A. Wallace, sup. S. F. Wilson.....	21		21	1	4	1	5	35			40	22 05				19 60
Jerome and Wendell.....	J. P. Neely.....	3		3													
Blackfoot and Pocatello.....	E. F. Wilson.....	3		3													
Fruitvale and Council.....	E. F. Wilson.....	3		3													
Nyssa and Ontario.....	E. F. Wilson.....	3		3													
Twin Falls and Kimberly.....	E. F. Wilson.....	3		3													
St. Anthony and Idaho Falls.....	E. F. Wilson.....	2		2													
Montana District	H. E. Kreider, D. E.					1											
Kalispell and Simla.....	H. E. Kreider, Roy V. Swift.....	32	5	37		8	1	8	65	3	6	82	33 04				33 14
Hills and Ferndale.....	Myrtle Young.....	15	1	16	2	4	2	9	50	6	6	71	18 90		6 20		28 91
Bolet and Columbus.....	J. Elmer Swift.....	5		5		3		3	12			16	5 11				28 91
Denton and Winnifred.....	Nettie Simerson, sup.	7		7	1	3	1	5	20		4	25	12 00		60		12 00
Total.....		566	71	637	36	160	23	159	1201	54	117	1531	\$ 550 87	\$ 119 68	\$ 647 07	\$ 1 85	\$ 549 13

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE COLUMBIA RIVER CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

CHARGE	Raised in Sunday School for Foreign Missions	Raised for Children's Fund	Raised for General Conference S. S. Board	Raised for Annual Conference Sunday School Board	Raised in Sunday School for All Other Benevolences	Total Amount Raised in Sunday School	Conferences Missions	Pastors' Support	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Support	Evangelists' Support	Incidentals	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
Spokane District																
Spokane and Liberty Avenue.....	2 38		94	93		\$ 108 16	\$ 14 75	\$ 640 08	\$ 180	\$ 85 95	\$ 15 00	\$ 150 00	2	\$ 2500	1	\$ 1700
Corville and Orno.....	20 00				11 81	108 16	12 50	440 14	117	69 80	9 50	132 45		2340		1500
Chevelah, Addy and Arden.....					5 27	55 00	8 50	550 00	120	80 00	35 00	116 00	1	1000	1	1000
Daisy and Summit Valley.....		4 05				63 82	10 25	819 56	90	61 58		182 50	1	1000	1	1000
Harrington, Bluestem and Key-stone.....						41 89	4 00	695 57	96	101 55	6 00	52 70	1	1250		300
Newport and Priest River.....	94	60			15 49	21 00	1 25	91 51		20 20	66 70	16 85	1	1000	1	1000
Wild Rose.....						21 00	2 00	105 76		55 06		2 00	1	800	1	450
Tyler.....																
Walla Walla District																
Tekoa and Sumner.....							8 25	433 75	120	50 00	85 00	140 00	1	2000	1	1000
St. John, Pine City and Lower Duwamish.....						9 50	4 75	301 52	96	40 00	39 50	45 04	1	1800	1	800
Penawaga and Colfax.....							9 00	550 00	100	100 00		52 54	1	800	1	1200
Athena and Weston Mountain.....							3 70	390 40	100	76 50	99 50	20 00		1200	1	1200
Cloverland.....					66 50	165 90	5 50	379 84	84	100 00	77 00	91 60	1	1000	1	1000
Summit, Lenore and Peck.....								411 42	25	32 10	10 00	51 20				
Boise District																
Boise.....							6 50	281 17	60	40 25	12 50	43 21	1	2000		
Deer Flat and Homedale.....	5 00					44 27	9 50	308 10	96	72 42		133 27	1	1000	1	800
Caldwell and Fruitland.....						18 52	5 00	223 41		14 67		12 00	1	1200		
Cascade and Round Valley.....						30 00	3 50	213 36		41 73		75 00	1	800		
Jerome and Wendell.....						10 10	3 50	20 00		32 75	42 00	5 00				
Blackfoot and Pocatello.....																
Idaho Falls and Council Bluffs.....																
Trutvale and Ontario.....																
Twiss Falls and Kimberly.....																
St. Anthony and Idaho Falls.....																
Montana District																
Kalispell and Simla.....	1 17		75			53 06	8 00	368 00	120	101 00	50 00	618 93	1	2500	1	2500
Holt and Ferndale.....	91	1 50	40	60		32 82	4 50	200 00		37 72	18 82				1	500
Billings and Columbus.....						9 55		83 46		67 50						
Denton and Winnifred.....						12 00	6 00			41 80			1	750		
Total.....	\$ 30 40	\$ 7 09	\$2 08	\$ 1 60	\$ 100 58	\$ 690 88	\$130 95	\$ 7616 63	\$ 1404	\$1322 58	\$ 566 82	\$1940 29	19	\$ 23700	15	\$15050

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Twenty-second Annual Session,
held at the Second Church, Seattle, Wash-
ington, April 10-15, 1917

OFFICERS

- W. A. SELLEW, *President*
A. H. STILWELL, *Secretary* W. W. DEXTER, *Assistant Secretary*
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T. H. MARSH, *Transportation Secretary*
O. A. BURNS, *Auditor* B. H. ALBERTS, *Treasurer*
W. W. CATHEY, *Sunday-school Secretary*

COMMITTEES

- On Nominations*—M. C. Clarke, A. N. West, T. H. Marsh, Arthur E. Warren,
O. F. DeFoe, R. S. Goldman, Nelson Smith, R. M. Reid, Charles Hulet.
On Public Worship—W. A. Sellew, T. H. Marsh, A. N. West, O. F. DeFoe,
A. E. Warren.
On Publications—W. W. Dexter, Chester Palmer, O. L. King, James A. Bar-
ringer.
On Prohibition—F. W. Cathey, Charles Sharpe, L. W. Steele, B. F. Smalley,
John Logan.
On Sunday-schools—J. F. Ashton, Charles Hulet, J. Harvey, Anna G. H.
Callicotte, George B. French.
On Education—W. F. Mathewson, Charles Bell, M. C. Clarke, O. E. Tiffany.
On Charities—A. N. West, R. M. Reid, John Logan, O. F. DeFoe.
On Reforms—J. A. Logan, J. M. Clos.
On State of the Work—The district elders.
To Publish the Minutes—The secretaries.
To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—George Gwinn, William Rennie,
O. A. Burns, Ralph Milton.
To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—Wells Gwinn.
To Visit Seattle Pacific College—J. M. Clos, Charles Hulet.
On Claimants and Claims—W. A. Sellew, A. N. West, T. H. Marsh, R. S.
Goldman, R. M. Reid.
Press Committee—M. R. Morley, John Logan.
On Complimentary Resolutions—C. S. McKinley, A. P. Halladay, M. R. Morley.

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTIC BOARD

- O. F. DeFoe, T. H. Marsh, A. N. West, Nelson Smith, Wells Gwinn, R. S.
Goldman, Charles Hulet.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- B. H. Alberts, C. L. Foster, secretary and treasurer (terms expire 1918); R. D.
Hill, president; Wells Gwinn, T. H. Marsh (terms expire 1919); C. E.
McReynolds, O. F. DeFoe, B. F. Smalley (terms expire 1920).

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN THE COURSE OF STUDY

- O. A. Burns (term expires 1922), preliminary; M. C. Clarke (term expires
1921), first year; A. N. West (term expires 1920), second year; C. S.
McKinley, president (term expires 1919), third year; B. H. Alberts, secre-
tary (term expires 1918), fourth year.

TRUSTEES OF SEATTLE-PACIFIC COLLEGE FOR THREE YEARS

C. S. McKinley, J. M. Robb, Wells Gwinn (terms expire in 1920).

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

T. H. Marsh, president; Charles Hulet, C. E. McReynolds, A. N. West, C. M. DeFoe.

FREE METHODIST PREACHERS' AID ASSOCIATION—WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

F. W. Cathey, president, Snohomish, Washington; Ralph Milton, secretary-treasurer, Bellingham, Washington.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Conference Claimants, Conference Missions; second quarter, Church Extension, General Missions; third quarter, Permanent Fund, General Conference Entertainment Fund; fourth quarter, Bishops' Salaries. (See treasurer's report.)

APPROPRIATIONS FOR CONFERENCE MISSIONARY MONEY FOR NEXT YEAR

Buckley, \$50.00; Whidby Island, \$50.00; Olympia, \$50.00; Sedro-Woolley, \$25.00; Getchel, \$25.00. To district elder of Tacoma and North Yakima district, \$175.00; to district elder of Seattle district, \$75.00.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REQUESTS FOR APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE GENERAL MISSIONARY BOARD

Vancouver, B. C., \$50.00; Whidby Island, \$25.00.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

O. F. DeFoe, A. N. West, T. H. Marsh, M. C. Clarke, C. L. Foster.

CAMP MEETING COMMITTEE

Three district elders, four city pastors, and A. C. Millican, Wells Gwinn, O. E. Tiffany, C. L. Foster and Alexander Kennedy.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Prohibition—John A. Logan,

On Charities—O. F. DeFoe,

On Sunday-schools—George B. French,

On Publications—O. L. King,

On Education—O. E. Tiffany,

On Reforms—J. M. Clos.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

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DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

B. F. Smalley,
C. M. DeFoe,
James Eva,
F. H. Church,
W. W. Dexter,

C. E. McReynolds,
T. H. Marsh,
B. H. Alberts,
L. W. Steele,
O. F. DeFoe,

A. H. Stilwell,
P. H. Griggs,
A. N. West,
C. S. McKinley,
G. W. Escher,

PREACHERS—Continued

M. C. Clarke,
E. H. Harmer,
Arthur E. Warren,
J. K. Odell,
H. V. Haslam,
A. Youngren,
M. E. Callicotte,
J. A. Logan,
C. W. Goslow,
Mrs. Rozella Douglass.

W. A. Cumings,
R. M. Whitcomb,
E. L. Porter,
William Rennie,
N. C. Mower,
Ralph Milton,
George Schlosser,
E. A. Haslam,
Charles E. Celmer,

O. A. Burns,
F. W. Cathey,
E. C. Best,
W. F. Mathewson,
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O. L. King,
J. R. Phillips,
George B. French,

DELEGATES

Nelson Smith,
John Whitehead,
Carrie Wickland,
Wells Gwinn,
C. L. Foster,
C. E. Bell,
R. M. Reid,
C. W. Sharpe,
Alice Crook,
Chester Palmer,
Lizzie Hall,

Mrs. Flora Allen,
Sarah Benson,
Anna G. H. Callicotte,
Ruel Knowelton,
Louisa Williamson,
Hannah M. Pollow,
Charles Hulet,
F. L. Kingsley,
Esther Lake,
A. P. Halladay,
Mollie Crackel.

L. S. Collins,
John Hutchens,
W. J. Murray,
J. A. Barringer,
R. S. Goldman,
Allen Stickney,
N. E. Hough,
Nathaniel Ring,
Lulu Haslam,
James Harvey,

2. Who are the stationing committee? W. A. Sellow, A. N. West, T. H. Marsh, O. F. DeFoe, R. M. Reid, Nelson Smith, R. S. Goldman.
3. What preachers are admitted on trial? J. R. Bishop, A. A. Perry.
4. Who remain on trial? Frank DeLong, C. L. Crook, O. R. Haslam, Roy Millican, Alva Crackel.
5. Who are admitted into full membership? C. E. Celmer.
6. Who are the deacons? J. A. Logan, E. A. Haslam, J. R. Phillips, C. W. Goslow, George B. French, M. E. Callicotte, George D. Schlosser, Mrs. Rozella Douglass, C. E. Celmer.
7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? J. F. Ashton, Ralph Milton.
8. Who have located this year? None.
9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? E. A. Haslam, C. L. Crook, Alva Crackel.
10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? P. H. Griggs, R. M. Whitcomb, N. C. Mower, James Eva, E. C. Best, F. H. Church, E. L. Porter.
11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference?
12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? J. L. Phillips, Frank Millican.
13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? J. D. Marsh (last year) to the Illinois conference; F. R. Dawson to the Oregon conference.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character was passed.
15. Who have died this year? None.
- 16-20. See statistical tables.
21. What are the amounts necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? James Eva, \$130.00; P. H. Griggs, \$130.00; F. H. Church, \$150.00; R. M. Whitcomb, \$50.00; E. C. Best, \$150.00; N. C. Mower, \$50.00; E. L. Porter, \$15.00; Ruth Boddy, \$40.00; Martha Ely and children, \$100.00.
23. See treasurer's report.
24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.
25. When and where shall the next session of our conference be held? The matter of choosing a place for holding the next session of the conference

was left to a committee composed of the three district elders and of three laymen, one layman to be chosen by each district elder from his district. The time to be as near the first of April as is consistent with the plans of the bishops.

APPOINTMENTS

PUGET SOUND DISTRICT—O. F. DeFoe, District Elder

Arlington	William Rennie
Snohomish and Duvall	F. W. Cathey
Getchel	Charles E. Celmer
Bellingham and Alki	Ralph Milton
Everett	C. S. McKinley
Mount Vernon and Big Lake	W. W. Dexter
Burlington	L. W. Steele
Blaine	H. V. Haslam, Lulu Haslam, supply
Sedro-Woolley	M. R. Morley
Prairie	To be supplied
Wenatchee	J. F. Ashton
New Westminster, B. C.	J. M. Clos
Vancouver, B. C.	J. A. Logan

P. H. Griggs, superannuated; R. M. Whitcomb, superannuated; E. L. Porter, superannuated; Alfred Pugh, transferred to the Columbia River conference; G. B. Escher, left without appointment according to paragraph 116 of the Discipline; N. C. Mower, superannuated; J. L. Phillips, withdrawn from the conference and church; F. R. Dawson, transferred to the Oregon conference.

SEATTLE DISTRICT—A. N. West, District Elder

Seattle, Second Church	Arthur E. Warren
Seattle (Green Lake)	M. C. Clarke
Seattle (Ballard)	O. L. King, Mrs. Lizzie J. King, supply
Seattle (Hillman City)	W. F. Mathewson
Auburn	B. H. Alberts, Eva E. Alberts, supply
Edmonds	C. I. Herrin, supply
Sunnydale	B. F. Smalley
Whidby Island	J. R. Phillips
Bothell	A. H. Stilwell

Alexander Beers, transferred to the Oregon conference; O. A. Burns, professor in Seattle Pacific College; James Eva, superannuated; August Youngren, missionary to Japan; Roy Millican, missionary to Japan; Frank Millican, withdrawn from the conference and church; E. A. Haslam, supernumerary; O. R. Haslam, accepted as a missionary; William Virgo, transferred to the California conference; E. C. Best, superannuated; James R. Bishop, attending school at Seattle Pacific College; J. D. Marsh, transferred last year to the Illinois conference.

TACOMA DISTRICT—T. H. Marsh, District Elder

Tacoma, First Church	C. E. McReynolds
Centralia	C. W. Goslow
Olympia	C. M. DeFoe
Yelm	John Whitehead, supply
Ashford	George W. Gwinn
Buckley, Kelley Schoolhouse and Orting	Frank DeLong, Pearl DeLong, supply
Puyallup	To be supplied
Kelso and Vancouver, Washington	To be supplied
Hogiam and Aberdeen	To be supplied

F. H. Church, superannuated; Alva Crackel, supernumerary; B. H. Green,

left without appointment according to paragraph 116 of the Discipline; W. A. Cumings, left without appointment according to paragraph 116 of the Discipline.

YAKIMA DISTRICT—T. H. MARSH, District Elder

North Yakima George B. French, Florence French, supply
Cle Elum To be supplied
Sunnyside and Zillah..... E. H. Harmer
Grandview A. A. Perry
Biggam C. B. Pillon (elder in charge)

J. K. Odell, left without appointment according to paragraph 116 of the Discipline; Rozella Douglass, evangelist; C. L. Crook, supernumerary; George D. Schlosser, missionary to China; M. E. Callicotte, evangelist.

MISCELLANEOUS

The twenty-second annual session of the Washington conference was one of great encouragement both to ministers and laity. The attendance from abroad was large but all were entertained in a most hospitable and satisfactory manner. The College buildings were thrown open to the conference and all were made to feel thoroughly at home.

Bishop Sellow came to us in the fulness of the Spirit and, by his forceful administration of affairs and kind counsel, contributed very materially to the profit and enjoyment of all.

Sabbath morning President O. E. Tiffany presented the interests of the Seattle Pacific College to a large and interested audience. The response was a contribution of over \$4,000 in cash and subscriptions.

Among the numerous visitors from other conferences the following ministers were invited to honorary seats in the conference: J. A. Hopper, A. Reers, W. N. Coffee, E. W. Achilles, George T. Klein, Newton Fink, E. W. Hight, and B. C. Dewey.

A Sabbath-school convention which was largely attended by an enthusiastic audience was held on Friday afternoon.

The three district elders, O. F. DeFoe, A. N. West and T. H. Marsh, were all reelected on the first ballot.

By unanimous vote the conference decided to hold a conference camp meeting on the grounds of the Seattle Pacific College, August 1-13, 1917. An efficient camp meeting committee was appointed and it is expected that this will be one of the most largely attended and successful meetings ever held within the bounds of the Washington conference.

The interests of the Publishing House were ably represented by Mrs. Rebecca E. Sellow.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PREACHERS

B. F. Smalley.....Station S, R. F. D. 3, Seattle, Washington
C. E. McReynolds.....1311 S. I street, Tacoma, "
A. H. Stilwell.....401 W. Dravus street, Seattle, "
C. M. DeFoe.....Olympia, "
T. H. Marsh.....3033 4th avenue, West, Seattle, "
P. H. Griggs.....Bellingham, "
James Eva.....63 W. Dravus street, Seattle, "
B. H. Alberts.....609 W. Nickerson street, Seattle, "
A. N. West.....3209 3rd avenue, W., Seattle, "
F. H. Church.....Orting, "
L. W. Steele.....Burlington, "
C. S. McKinley.....2006 Pacific avenue, Everett, "
W. W. Dexter.....Mount Vernon, "

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PREACHERS

—CONTINUED

O. F. DeFoe.....	Burlington, Washington
G. W. Escher.....	Swan, Iowa
M. C. Clarke.....	6916 Weedin Place, Seattle, Washington
W. A. Cumings.....	Dieringer, "
O. A. Burns.....	335 Nickerson avenue, Seattle, "
E. H. Harmer.....	Sunnyside, "
R. M. Whitcomb.....	Turlock, California
F. W. Cathey.....	Snohomish, Washington
Arthur E. Warren.....	3210 3rd avenue, W., Seattle, "
E. L. Porter.....	Turlock, California
E. C. Best.....	3029 4th avenue, W., Seattle, Washington
J. K. Odell.....	North Yakima, "
William Rennie.....	Arlington, "
H. V. Haslam.....	Blaine, "
N. C. Mower.....	Blaine, "
J. M. Clos.....	805 Kennedy street, New Westminster, B. C.
A. Youngren.....	1921 Hidein Cho, Tennoji, Osaka, Japan
Ralph Milton.....	2831 Kulshan street, Bellingham, Washington
J. F. Ashton.....	Wenatchee, "
M. E. Callicotte.....	Hansen, Idaho
George Schlosser.....	Kai Feng Fu, Honan, China
O. L. King.....	1408 W. 73rd street, Seattle, Washington
B. H. Green.....	Vancouver, British Columbia
J. A. Logan.....	Vancouver, British Columbia
D. A. Haslam.....	320 W. Dravus street, Seattle, Washington
J. R. Phillips.....	Clinton, "
C. W. Goslow.....	510 Locust street, Centralia, "
George B. French.....	1118 McKinley avenue, North Yakima, "
Mrs. Rozella Douglass.....	Seattle, Zillah, "
Frank DeLong.....	Buckley, "
C. I. Herrin.....	Edmonds, "
C. L. Crook.....	Grandview, "
A. A. Perry.....	Grandview, "
O. R. Haslam.....	Station P, Seattle, "
Roy Millican.....	Okuradani, Akashi, Japan
C. E. Celmer.....	Getchel, Washington
J. R. Bishop.....	Station P, Seattle, "

LOCAL ELDERS

R. M. Reid, 813 W. 64th street, Seattle, Washington	W. E. Bardell, 3027 4th avenue, W., Seattle, Washington
B. F. Taylor, 6444 Cheyenne street, Tacoma, Washington	C. H. Witteman, 153 W. Bertona street, Seattle, Washington
G. W. Wheelon, 609 Provident Bldg., Tacoma, Washington	O. E. Tiffany, Station P, Seattle, Washington
N. E. Hough, Snohomish, Washington	S. L. Helm, 205 Nickerson avenue, Seattle, Washington
J. A. Barringer, Big Lake, "	A. K. Anderson, Edmonds, Washington

LOCAL DEACONS

H. H. Pease, 615 Terry avenue, Seattle, Washington	A. P. Halladay, 625 6th street, New Westminster, British Columbia
Frank F. Fosket, Sunnyside, Washington	John Whitehead, R. F. D. No. 1, Roy, Washington
A. B. Elliott, 518 McKinley avenue, Tacoma, Washington	Charles S. Hulet, 4254 Juneau street, Seattle, Washington
J. L. Brady.....National, Washington	

LOCAL PREACHERS

J. Edward Thomas, 709½ 9th avenue, Seattle, Washington	Ted Borden....Ashford, Washington
N. C. Nelson, Box 74, R. F. D. No. 1, Hartford, Washington	F. J. Fletcher...Edmonds, "
J. R. Bishop, Station P, Seattle, Washington	J. H. Oliver, Sedro-Woolley, "
E. A. Olsen, 3312 Oaks avenue, Everett, Washington	H. D. Kindig, 2721 E. 53rd street, Seattle, Washington
R. S. Goldman, 2006½ Pacific avenue, Everett, Washington	C. M. Morgan, 7746 Sunnyside avenue, Seattle, Washington
W. W. Bates, Sunnyside, Washington	A. H. Coder, 3029 4th avenue, W., Seattle, Washington
A. C. Williamson, R. F. D. No. 2, Box 110, Grandview, Washington	A. C. Millican, 46 W. Etruria street, Seattle, Washington
R. A. Tripp...Mt. Vernon, Washington	Edward Lake....Olympia, Washington
George Smith.....Orting, "	S. E. Wyler.....Olympia, "
	C. I. Herrin....Edmonds, "
	Maximo Conde....Seattle, "

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Mrs. Edith Dexter, Mt. Vernon, Washington	Mrs. Rebecca Best, 3031 4th avenue, W., Seattle, Washington
Mrs. Mary E. Funk, Snohomish, Washington	Mrs. Eva E. Alberts, 609 W. Nickerson street, Seattle, Washington
Mrs. G. W. Wheelon, 609 Provident Bldg., Tacoma, Washington	Mrs. Minnie Bardell, 3029 4th avenue, W., Seattle, Washington
Mrs. Anna G. H. Callicotte, Hanson, Idaho	Mrs. M. E. Dutton, 154 Dravus street, Seattle, Washington
Mrs. Lizzie L. Church, Orting, Washington	Lloyd P. Ray, 7526 Sunnyside avenue, Seattle, Washington
Mrs. A. Lee Lewis, Everett, Washington	Mrs. Emma Ray, 7526 Sunnyside avenue, Seattle, Washington
Mrs. Ethel Clarke, 6916 Weedon Place, Seattle, Washington	Mrs. Lizzie J. King, 1408 W. 73rd street, Seattle, Washington
Mrs. Ruey G. Witteman, 119 W. Bertona street, Seattle, Washington	Mrs. Pearl Liese, 154 W. Dravus street, Seattle, Washington

DEACONESS

Mrs. Mary E. DeFoe

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Mrs. Coral D. Kelso, R. R. 2, Prosser, Washington	Mrs. J. K. Odell, 1309 Lincoln avenue, North Yakima, Washington
Mrs. W. C. Langley, Auburn, Washington	Mrs. Florence French, 1118 McKinley avenue, North Yakima, Washington
Mrs. S. Benson, R. F. D. No. 1, Tacoma, Washington	Mrs. Eusan Eva, 63 W. Dravus street, Seattle, Washington
Mrs. Lulu Haslam, Blaine, Washington	Clara M. Warren, 3210 3rd avenue, W., Seattle, Washington
Mrs. Pearl DeLong, Buckley, Washington	Miss Lillian Pickens, Wessington Springs, South Dakota
Miss Zella Sischo, Port Langely, British Columbia	Mrs. Jane Pillman, 2528 19th street, Everett, Washington
Mrs. Louisa P. King, 1408 W. 73rd street, Seattle, Washington	Mrs. Emma Snyder, 3506 Broadway, Everett, Washington
Mrs. Vinetta Cumings, Dieringer, Washington	

SUNDAY-SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS

Alexander Kennedy, 312 Lynn street, Seattle, Washington	Nettie Wells... Arlington, Washington
Mrs. M. L. Stilwell, 401 W. Dravus street, Seattle, Washington	N. C. Nelson, R. F. D. No. 1, Hartford, Washington
C. E. Gibson, 1208 E. 67th street, Se- attle, Washington	Henry H. Morasch, Sunnysdale, Wash- ington
A. D. Frets..Mt. Vernon, Washington	Mary LaRoche..Hillman, Washington
J. A. Barringer..Big Lake, "	Abbie Smith....Auburn, "
Minnie Batdorf, Burlington, Washing- ton	Mrs. W. H. Irwin, 8318 13th avenue, Seattle, Washington
Albert Burgher, New Westminster, British Columbia	Mrs. Munson ..Puyallup, Washington
Everett Slaughter, Grandview, Wash- ington	H. O. Wickey, Wenatchee, "
Carrie Collins, Sunnyside, Washington	Mrs. Turner.....Orting, "
William Traub, Joyce P. O., Vancouver, British Columbia	J. L. Brady.....National, "
Don Wisman..Snohomish, Washington	Mrs. Anna S. Wallace, Edmonds, Wash- ington
Mrs. Belle Hill...Clinton, "	G. M. Rainsberger, 1210 McKinley av- enue, North Yakima, Washington
Arthur Squier, 3202 Pine street, Ever- ett, Washington	William Robinson, Clear Lake, Wash- ington
Lulu Wilder.....Blaine, Washington	Chester Palmer, Centralia, Washington
Mrs. S. Benson, R. F. D. No. 1, Ta- coma, Washington	William Murray, R. F. D. No. 2, Bell- ingham, Washington
Allen Stickney....Bothell, Washington	Mrs. J. Warren, R. F. D. No. 1, Belling- ham, Washington.

TREASURER'S REPORT

ASSESSED ON GENERAL CLAIMS.....			\$1,193.00
Paid to Geo. W. Saunders, General Treasurer.....	\$	418.00	
Paid to E. C. Best, Claimant.....		150.00	
Paid to R. M. Whitcomb, Claimant.....		75.00	
Paid to P. H. Griggs, Claimant.....		130.00	
Paid to F. H. Church, Claimant.....		150.00	
Paid to James Eva, Claimant		130.00	
Paid to Mrs. Martha A. Fly and two children.....		100.00	
Paid to Mrs. Ruth Boddy, Claimant.....		40.00	
		<u>\$1,193.00</u>	
Foreign Missions	\$	36.50	\$ 36.50
Children's Fund	\$	8.55	\$ 8.55
		<u>\$1,238.05</u>	
Total due General Treasurer and paid.....			\$1,238.05
Assessed for Conference Missions			\$477.20
Surplus from the Bothel Circuit.....			\$ 3.20
			<u>\$480.40</u>
Disbursed as follows:			
To T. H. Marsh		\$140.00	
To A. N. West.....		75.00	
To W. F. Mathewson.....		109.25	
To Conference Treasurer		15.00	
To O. F. DeFoe.....		40.00	
		<u>\$379.25</u>	
Total paid to claimants			\$101.15
Lost in bank break and deficiencies on circuits.....			
		<u>\$480.40</u>	<u>\$480.40</u>

The claims for 1917 and 1918: first quarter, Conference Missions (40 cents), Superannuate Claim (50 cents); second quarter, General Missions (15 cents), Church Extension (10 cents); third quarter, General Conference Entertainment (2 cents), Permanent Fund (5 cents); fourth quarter, Bishops' Salaries (18 cents). Besides this an amount equal to 25 cents for conference entertainment fund. *Please remit quarterly and watch the FREE METHODIST in October for changes.*

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STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

CHARGE	PREACHER		Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Copies of "Free Methodists" Taken	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars (Number)	Members in Home Department	Names on Cradle Roll	Total Enrollment	%	General Conference (Assessed) (Ratio)	Foreign Missions	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Educational Fund	Raised for Sunday School Expenses
Puget Sound District	O. F. DeFoe, D. E.																		
Arlington	B. F. Smiley		64	2	51	51	2	1	10	49	1	78	137	55	55	10	20 75	1	34 27
Seacomish and Duval	F. W. Morley		49	0	49	49	1	1	10	75	1	11	11	52	52	10	4 03	1	36 00
Bellingham and Alki	Ralph Milton		18	0	18	18	1	1	6	35	1	13	54	11	11	10	5 03	1	27 23
Everett	C. S. McKinley		85	3	88	87	3	15	9	48	1	13	54	13	13	10	10 00	1	27 23
Mt. Vernon and Big Lake	W. W. Dexter		47	18	65	65	3	10	11	123	33	16	126	91	91	10	29 77	1	126 77
Burlington	L. W. Steele		39	4	43	43	1	1	15	95	1	16	70	39	39	10	84 80	1	55 57
Blairstown	H. V. Haslam		19	4	23	19	1	1	8	62	1	11	38	19	19	10	29 31	1	39 31
Sedro-Woolley and Prairie	N. J. Lund, supply		30	4	34	34	1	4	10	30	25	11	111	26	26	10	22 41	1	28 70
Wenatchee	A. A. Perry		40	18	58	40	1	4	10	115	30	32	187	87	87	10	22 49	1	65 17
New Westminster	J. M. Clos		64	25	89	64	1	20	15	112	24	25	176	63	63	10	404 36	1	135 22
Vancouver	William Reunie		12	3	15	12	1	1	4	18	4	4	22	8	8	10	404 36	1	10 45
Seattle District	A. N. West, D. E.																		
Seattle (Second Church)	A. E. Warren		200	24	224	224	6	51	23	202	20	36	281	190	190	43	182 99	1	153 34
Seattle (Green Lake)	M. C. Clarke		78	4	82	82	3	11	11	92	1	11	103	77	77	25	253 60	1	64 23
Seattle (Ballard)	M. M. DeFoe		23	0	23	23	1	13	13	103	1	10	97	40	40	10	56 24	1	55 10
Seattle (Hillman and Auburn)	John A. Morgan		57	10	67	67	1	13	14	105	15	20	128	36	36	16	35 40	1	100 00
Everett	C. E. Harrison		10	5	15	15	3	3	6	28	4	9	29	9	9	10	19 80	1	28 42
Sumaydale	J. F. Ashton		20	2	22	22	6	1	6	28	1	9	43	20	20	10	26 63	1	26 63
Whidby Island	Frank DeLong, supply		10	1	11	11	1	1	7	35	1	4	42	12	12	10	36 25	1	15 21
Bothell	James Bishop, supply		5	0	5	5	1	1	3	17	4	4	24	4	4	10	9 00	1	16 05
Tacoma District	T. H. Marsh, D. E.																		
Tacoma	C. E. Reynolds		56	3	59	59	5	1	12	60	6	6	84	61	61	10	03 71	1	44 05
Centralia	C. W. Goslow		45	7	52	52	1	8	40	40	7	47	75	47	47	10	30 54	1	40 05
Olympia	Edwin Lake, supply		23	2	25	25	2	11	4	30	4	4	38	18	18	10	40 60	1	27 00
Yelm	John Whitehead, sup.		18	1	19	19	1	2	1	26	1	1	26	12	12	10	10 00	1	106 70
Ashford	Geo. Gwinn		12	1	13	13	1	1	5	50	1	5	55	12	12	10	10 00	1	20 45
Buckley and Kelley Schoolhouse	Alva Crickel, supply		14	2	16	16	1	4	1	26	1	4	29	17	17	10	10 00	1	21 35
Payulup and Japanese Mission	W. F. Matthews, M.		15	4	19	19	2	5	8	22	1	4	30	7	7	10	10 00	1	14 10
Kelso and Vancouver	B. H. Gravel, supply		7	2	9	9	1	1	4	14	1	1	18	9	9	10	10 00	1	66 42
Orting	Mrs. J. Church, sup.		11	1	12	12	3	1	4	14	1	1	18	9	9	10	10 00	1	19 75
North Yakima District	T. H. Marsh, D. E.																		
North Yakima	G. B. French, Florence French, supply		35	4	39	39	2	9	8	73	13	11	105	43	43	10	37 35	1	71 68
Sunnyside	E. H. Harner		54	1	55	55	1	23	11	90	11	10	121	52	52	10	59 38	1	19 75
Grand View	O. T. King, L. King, sup.		23	10	33	33	3	5	7	40	2	11	60	22	22	10	10 00	1	10 53
Zillah	M. E. Callicotte		7	1	8	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	10 00	1	10 53
Bigam	A. G. H. Callicotte, sup.		10	4	14	14	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	10 00	1	10 53
Total			1224	179	1403	1403	49	279	263	1548	183	310	2604	1191	1191	165	1823 68	\$12 50	\$1626 43

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CHARGE	Raised in Sunday School for Foreign Missions	Raised for Children's Fund	Raised for General Conference	Raised for Anna S. B. Board	Raised for Sunday School Board	Raised in Sunday School for All Other Benevolences	Total Amount Raised in Sunday School	Conference Missions	Pastors' Support	Parsonage Rent	Widows' Support	Evangelists' Support	Incidentals	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
Puget Sound District																	
Arlington	\$ 1 50						\$ 35 77	22 00	\$ 525 00	\$ 60	\$ 38 00	\$ 25 00	\$ 112 81	18 00	\$ 18 00	1	\$ 600
Armonish and Duval							35 91	3 05	397 46	00	60 00	26 31	270 03	1	2500	1	800
Bellingham and Alki	4 58						31 87	4 00	395 40	00	30 00	26 50	263 16	1	5500	1	5500
Everett	10 05						143 87	38 50	800 00	180	100 00	40 00	458 80	1	5000	1	2500
Mt. Vernon and Big Lake							65 82	15 00	635 00	150	64 00	25 00	942 10	1	2900	1	1600
Burlington	15 00						44 54	15 00	600 15	150	60 00	25 00	80 36	1	3000	1	1500
Blaine	7 00						57 65	10 40	303 25	96	40 00	18 85	52 40	1	2000	1	1500
Sedro-Woolley and Prairie							77 87	13 60	452 03	180	56 25	60 00	598 72	1	1000	1	2250
Wenatchee							61 75	25 20	800 00	216	100 00	70 85	619 87	1	50 00	1	3000
New Westminster							144 22	3 20	71 55		51 13		58 00				
Vancouver							10 45										
Seattle District																	
Seattle (Second Church)	20 00	5 00					208 34	76 00	940 00	200	240 00		854 24	1	10000	1	3000
Seattle (Central)	15 00	3 00					133 35	30 80	830 88	150	106 25		306 24	1	2500	1	3000
Seattle (Ballard)	7 00						158 63	16 00	600 00	140	62 25		78 33	1	1500	1	1500
Seattle (Hillman and Auburn)	10 00						129 30	16 00	240 00	200	16 00		430 00	1	3500	1	2000
Edmonds	3 49						21 91	8 00	371 25	60	15 00		25 84	1	1000	1	1000
Sunnyside	5 63						32 33	8 00	371 25	60	15 00		25 84	1	1000	1	1000
Whidbey Island							15 21	4 80	148 40	35	26 46		7 63	1	10 00	1	500
Bothell	55						16 00	60 00	78 30		9 60		104 00				
Tacoma District																	
Tacoma	20 00	1 00	1 16				72 01	24 40	610 32	175	100 00	53 10	314 34	1	3200	1	2500
Centralia	4 45		1 00				39 40	18 80	456 06	80	60 55		94 08	1	2000	1	600
Olympia	5 00						47 85	3 55	140 40		35 00		64 00	1	1500		
Yelm								4 05			40 31		4 50				
Ashford							106 70	4 80	234 00	30	51 00	44 00	41 32			1	400
Huckley and Kelley Schoolhouse							25 40	3 20	136 33		27 00		143 90	1	2000	1	500
Paradise at Paradise Mission							21 35		103 00	36						300	
Kelso and Vancouver							14 10	4 60	145 88		34 25	12 40	26 50	1	600		
Orting																	
Yakima District																	
North Yakima	9 06	2 00	1 25	50			88 16	17 20	591 53	100	60 00	26 60	219 14	1	3000	1	1800
Sunnyside			4 55				76 33	20 80	600 00	72	60 00		765 30	1	2500	1	600
Grand View							6 37	8 00	248 50	150	33 07	7 00	120 00	1	1500	1	1300
Zillah							10 53	3 60	46 57		24 00	13 43	14 80				
Bigam									206 90		38 90		10 25				
Total	\$147 92	\$19 45	\$3 41	\$ 1 35	\$ 1 35	\$ 226 70	\$1025 26	\$426 80	\$13409 27	\$ 2698	\$1807 58	\$ 600 00	\$8300 46	\$0 30	\$2650	23	\$322650

SOUTHERN OREGON CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Sixth Annual Session, held at
Medford, Oregon, May 16-20, 1917

OFFICERS

WALTER A. SELLEW, *President*

M. F. CHILDS, *Secretary*

ERNEST F. LEE, *Assistant Secretary*

F. W. OLIVER, *Treasurer*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—Walter A. Sellew, D. D. Dodge, J. F. Smith.

On State of the Work—D. D. Dodge, J. H. Brown.

On Education—Rhoda Burnett, W. E. Goode, M. C. Ashcraft.

On Reforms—R. H. Dollarhide, C. E. Glazier.

On Sunday-schools—W. E. Goode, Armena Stoops.

On Publications—M. F. Childs, J. E. McDonald, J. W. Sharpe.

On Complimentary Resolutions—J. H. Brown.

On Memoirs—W. E. Goode, R. H. Dollarhide, D. D. Dodge.

On Charities—F. W. Oliver, J. F. Smith.

On Claimants and Claims—Walter A. Sellew, D. D. Dodge, W. E. Goode, W. T. Orr, M. C. Ashcraft.

To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—C. E. Glazier.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—Rhoda Burnett, M. C. Ashcraft.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND EVANGELISTIC BOARD

W. E. Goode, president, 1921; M. F. Childs, secretary, 1918; J. W. Sharpe, treasurer, 1922; J. T. Eads, 1919; R. H. Dollarhide, 1920.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

J. W. Sharpe, president; J. E. McDonald, secretary; J. T. Eads, treasurer; D. D. Dodge, W. T. Orr.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

J. E. McDonald, president; R. H. Dollarhide, secretary; D. D. Dodge.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Mrs. Emma J. Sharpe, president, 1027 Marregan street, Medford, Oregon; Clara L. Childs, vice-president, Eugene, Oregon, R. F. D. No. 2; Lucelle McDonald, recording secretary, 115 Miselto street, Medford, Oregon; Mrs. H. Bell Loomis, corresponding secretary, Grape street, Medford, Oregon; Rhoda Burnett, treasurer, 777 East Main street, Ashland, Oregon; Mrs. Ella Broomfield, Junior superintendent, South Ivey street, Medford, Oregon.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On State of the Work—D. D. Dodge, *On Publications*—Rhoda Burnett, R. H. Dollarhide, *On Reforms*—W. E. Goode,

On Sunday-schools—P. A. Scott, *On Education*—J. H. Brown, *On Charities*—J. E. McDonald.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Conference Claimants (50 cents); second quarter, General Missions (15 cents), General Conference Entertainment (2 cents); third quarter, Bishops' Salaries (18 cents), Permanent Fund (5 cents); fourth quarter, Conference Missions (15 cents), Church Extension (10 cents).

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

R. H. Dollarhide,	J. W. Sharpe,	W. E. Goode,
M. F. Childs,	D. D. Dodge,	J. F. Smith,
J. H. Brown,	J. E. McDonald,	F. W. Oliver,
C. E. Glazier,	P. A. Scott,	L. M. Phillips,
Rhoda Burnett.		

DELEGATES

W. T. Orr,	Malissa C. Ashcraft,	Arminda Stoops,
Mable Normile.		

2. Who are the stationing committee? Walter A. Sellow, D. D. Dodge, W. T. Orr.
5. Who are admitted into full membership? Rhoda Burnett.
6. Who are the deacons? C. E. Glazier, Rhoda Burnett, *P. A. Scott.
7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? F. W. Oliver.
10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? J. W. Sharpe.
11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? P. A. Scott, a deacon from the Nazarene church; L. M. Phillips, an elder received on certificate of location.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and character passed.
- 16-20. See statistics.
21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and widows of preachers? J. W. Sharpe, \$150; Malinda J. Blair, \$110.
23. See statistics.
24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.
25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Roseburg, Oregon, time to be left with R. H. Dollarhide and the bishop that is to preside.

APPOINTMENTS

MEDFORD DISTRICT—D. D. DODGE, District Elder, Grants Pass, Oregon
 Medford. Mrs. Rosella Douglass, supply, 337 W. Tenth street, Medford, Oregon
 Trail and Derby.....J. E. McDonald, 115 Miselto street, Medford, "
 Ashland.....Rhoda Burnett, 777 E. Main street, Ashland, "
 Macdoel.....W. E. Goode, Macdoel, California
 Grants Pass.....C. E. Glazier, Grants Pass, Oregon
 J. W. Sharpe, superannuated; J. E. Bradley, transferred to the Columbia River conference.

ROSEBURG DISTRICT—R. H. DOLLARHIDE, District Elder, Roseburg, Oregon
 Roseburg and Southerland.....J. F. Smith, Roseburg, Oregon
 Cottage Grove and Star.....F. W. Oliver, Cottage Grove, "
 Springfield Junction and Windberry....."
M. F. Childs, R. F. D. No. 2, Eugene, "
 Wendling and Marcola.....L. M. Phillips, Wendling, "
 Glendale and Myrtle Creek.....J. H. Brown, Grants Pass, "
 R. H. Dollarhide, member of Roseburg district.

COOS BAY DISTRICT—R. H. DOLLARHIDE, District Elder
 Bandon and Prossor.....P. A. Scott, Bandon, Oregon
 Coquell, Johnson and Myrtle Point.....Hattie Teegarden, supply
 Marshfield and North Bend.....C. F. Skelton, supply, Marshfield, Oregon
 Flag Staff and Bay City.....Otto Fuson, supply, Marshfield, "

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Malinda J. Blair...Springfield, Oregon Mary H. Reed....Grants Pass, Oregon
 Urvilla C. Reese, Roseburg, Oregon.

* Ordained this year.

Southern Oregon Conference

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE SOUTHERN OREGON CONFERENCE

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers and Evangelists	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars (Number Enrolled)	Members in Home Department	Names on Cradle Roll	Total Enrollment	General Conference (Assessed Chans)	Total Only	Foreign Missions	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Educational Fund	Raised for Sunday School Expenses
Medford District	Medford	D. D. Dodge, D. E.		27	2	27	1	12	46			46	\$	\$ 36 00	\$ 5 00	\$	\$ 3 00	\$ 45 00
	Ashland	J. F. Smith.		16		16	1	6	30			36	12 70	12 70		6 00	16 21	
	Grants Pass and Williams Creek	Rhoda Burnett		20		20	1	6	20			26	26	26			18 72	
	Trail and Derby	J. E. Glazier		20		20	1	6	20			26	26	26			18 35	
	Macdoel	J. E. McDonald		20		20	1	6	20			26	26	26			18 35	
	Roseburg District	W. E. Goode		28	8	36	4	8	35			40	16 00	16 00			18 90	
	Roseburg and Coos Bay	D. D. Dodge, D. E.		10	1	11	1	6	26			42	23 00	23 00		6 55	9 50	
	Cottage Grove and Antauk	R. H. Bellarhite		10	1	11	1	6	26			42	23 00	23 00		6 55	9 50	
	Springfield, Marcola and Fall Creek	F. W. Oliver		10	1	11	1	6	26			42	23 00	23 00		6 55	9 50	
	Star and Diston	M. F. Childs		5	5	10	1	3	15			18	6 70	6 70			10 42	
Total	C. F. Skelton		133	16	149	7	30	7	46	208	12	277	\$ 127 45	\$ 22 35	\$ 12 55	\$ 3 00	\$ 147 74	
CHARGE																		
Medford District	Medford				\$	45 00	\$	05	\$	267 10	\$	7 12	%	60 05	\$		10 00	\$ 1 200
	Ashland				\$	16 21	\$	2 20	\$	114 54	\$	4 72	%	31 39	\$		12 00	\$ 2 000
	Grants Pass and Williams Creek				\$	18 72	\$	2 20	\$	200 00	\$	4 72	%	41 30	\$		15 00	\$ 1 600
	Trail and Derby																	
	Macdoel																	
	Roseburg District				\$	18 90	\$	1 00	\$	213 22	\$			27 50	\$		8 00	\$ 1 600
	Roseburg and Coos Bay				\$	9 50	\$		\$	33 10	\$			16 62	\$		25 00	
	Cottage Grove and Antauk				\$	31 31	\$	2 30	\$	234 21	\$	60		48 00	\$		8 00	\$ 400
	Springfield, Marcola and Fall Creek				\$	10 42	\$		\$	55 00	\$			20 12	\$		12 00	
	Star and Diston				\$		\$		\$		\$				\$			
Total				\$	\$ 150 06	\$ 6 15	\$ 1 117 17	\$ 232	\$ 245 78	\$ 21 40	\$ 300 62	\$ 5	\$ 57 00	\$ 5	\$ 48 00	\$ 5	\$ 48 00	

OREGON CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Twenty-second Annual Session,
held in the Free Methodist Church, Hillsboro,
Oregon, May 9-13, 1917

OFFICERS

WALTER A. SELLEW, *President*

EDWIN W. HIGHT, *Secretary*

D. M. HIGBEE, *Assistant Secretary*

ALEXANDER BEERS, *Transportation Secretary*

S. H. UPTON, *Treasurer*

D. M. CATHEY, *Auditor*

COMMITTEES

On Nominations—A. Beers, J. A. Hopper, S. G. Roper, D. M. Cathey, W. F. Randall.

On Education—S. H. Upton, D. W. Cook, D. M. Cathey.

On Public Worship—Walter A. Sellew, F. L. Burns, W. J. Johnston, J. N. Wood, J. W. Adams.

On Publications—A. Beers, G. W. Bondurant, Hiram Andrus.

On Reforms—W. N. Coffee, J. F. Lewis, Clara Cooley.

On Sunday-schools—G. W. Bondurant, Nora Cunningham, W. F. Randall.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—D. M. Cathey, E. A. Sayre, S. H. Upton, S. G. Roper.

To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—A. S. Wright.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.

On Complimentary Resolutions—J. D. Cook, Charles Foster.

On Charities—E. D. Blackman, Julia A. Beck, Wm. Barrett, W. N. Coffee.

On Conference Missions—The stationing committee.

On Press Correspondence—W. N. Coffee.

On Aggressive Evangelism—D. M. Higbee, F. L. Burns, W. J. Bowerman.

On Claims and Claimants—Walter A. Sellew, F. L. Burns, W. J. Johnston, J. A. Bushong, R. A. Trullinger.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Education—W. N. Coffee.

On Publications—G. W. Bondurant,

On Reforms—D. W. Cook.

On Charities—D. M. Cathey,

On Sunday-schools—Edwin W. Hight.

On Social Conditions—A. Beers.

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTIC BOARD

F. L. Burns, J. A. Hopper, B. C. Dewey, D. M. Cathey, R. A. Trullinger.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN THE COURSE OF STUDY

W. J. Johnston, three years; G. W. Bondurant, two years; D. M. Higbee, one year.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

F. L. Burns, A. Beers, W. N. Coffee, D. M. Cathey, W. F. Randall.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

J. F. Lewis and W. J. Bowerman, terms expire 1920; Alexander Beers and Ray A. Trullinger, terms expire 1919; D. M. Cathey and R. H. Clark, terms expire 1918.

TRUSTEES FOR SEATTLE PACIFIC COLLEGE

D. M. Cathey, term expires 1920; W. N. Coffee, term expires 1919.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Conference Claimants (45 cents); second quarter, Annual Conference Entertainment Fund (15 cents), General Missions (15 cents), one-fourth General Conference Delegates' Expenses (4 cents); third quarter, Permanent Fund (5 cents), General Conference Entertainment (2 cents), Bishops' Salaries (18 cents); fourth quarter, Conference Missions (25 cents), Church Extension (10 cents).

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REQUESTS FOR APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE GENERAL MISSIONARY BOARD

The Dalles, \$30.00; Lacombe, \$30.00; Yackets, \$30.00; Hillsboro, \$50.00.

CONFERENCE SUNDAY-SCHOOL SECRETARY

Edwin W. Hight.

ADDRESSES OF THE OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE

F. L. Burns, district elder, Forest Grove, Oregon; J. A. Hopper, district elder, 627 East Charleston street, Portland, Oregon; Edwin W. Hight, secretary, Newberg, Oregon, Box 305; A. Beers, transportation secretary, 548½ East Madison street, Portland, Oregon; S. H. Upton, treasurer, Newberg, Oregon.

OFFICERS OF WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

President, Mrs. Mary F. Coffee, 225 E. 55 street, North, Portland, Oregon; first vice-president, Mrs. Adelaide Beers, 548½ East Madison street, Portland, Oregon; second vice-president, Mrs. Martha Burns, Forest Grove, Oregon; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Addie Lesan, 6404 East 70th street, S. E., Portland, Oregon; treasurer, Mrs. Lula Randall, 391 East 9th street, Portland, Oregon; recording secretary, Mrs. Hattie Wrage, 1074 East Morrison street, Portland, Oregon; Junior superintendent, Mrs. Grace Edwards, Dundee, Oregon; box superintendent, Mrs. Fannie Herald, 223 East 55th street, North, Portland, Oregon.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

F. L. Burns,
G. W. Bondurant,
W. J. Bowerman,
W. Barrett,
E. D. Blackman,
D. W. Cook,
R. H. Clark,
W. N. Coffee,
J. A. Hopper,
E. I. Harrington,
Cyrus Cook,

J. D. Cook,
B. L. Knoll,
J. F. Leise,
A. Beers,
S. G. Roper,
W. J. Johnston,
E. L. Smith,
J. F. Lewis,
S. H. Upton,
J. N. Wood,
N. Welter,

A. S. Wright,
J. G. Hessler,
D. M. Higbee,
H. A. Walter,
Edwin W. Hight,
F. D. Helm,
S. F. Pitts,
L. D. Clevenger,
E. A. Sayre,
W. J. Johnson,
Mary A. Hillis.

DELEGATES

Ely Rowley,
J. A. Bushong,
W. F. Randall,
Clara Cooley,
Julia Beck,
J. W. Adams,

Hiram Andrus,
Nora Cunningham,
D. M. Cathey,
R. A. Trullinger,
Bert Kellar,

Anna Wagner,
Samantha Cox,
Charles Foster,
William Aldridge,
Mollie Bishop.

2. Who are the stationing committee? Walter A. Sellew, F. L. Burns, W. J. Johnston, J. A. Bushong, R. A. Trullinger.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? Floyd H. Evans.
4. Who remain on trial? W. R. Plumlee, C. H. Carlson, Frank R. Dawson.
5. Who are admitted into full connection? None.
6. Who are the deacons? B. C. Dewey, F. D. Helm, S. F. Pitts, E. A. Sayre, L. D. Clevenger, W. J. Johnson, Mary A. Hillis.
7. Who have been ordained elders this year? H. A. Walter, Edwin W. Hight.
8. Who have located this year? None.
9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? G. W. Bondurant, J. F. Lewis, E. A. Sayre, S. F. Pitts, F. D. Helm, C. H. Carlson.
10. Who are the superannuated preachers? D. W. Cook, W. Barrett, B. L. Knoll, E. L. Smith, Cyrus Cook, R. H. Clark, J. F. Leise, J. D. Cook.
11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? None.
12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? George R. Ellis.
13. Who have been given certificates of standing with a view of transferring to another conference? E. W. Hillis.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each preacher was called and their characters were passed.
15. Who have died this year? None.
- 16-20. See statistics.
21. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers? Cyrus Cook, \$150.00; D. W. Cook, \$150.00; J. F. Leise, \$100.00; J. D. Cook, \$100.00; W. Barrett, \$50.00; E. L. Smith, \$150.00.
23. See treasurer's report.
24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.
25. Where and when shall the next conference be held? Place, left in the hands of a committee composed of the district elders and the secretary of the conference. Time, as near the first of June as is convenient with the arrangements of the bishop.

APPOINTMENTS

PORTLAND DISTRICT—F. L. BURNS, District Elder, Forest Grove, Oregon

Portland, First and Third Churches, A. Beers, 548½ East Madison street,
 Portland, Oregon; Adelaide Beers and Frank R. Dawson.....Supplies
 Portland, Central Church. W. N. Coffee, 225 E. 55th street, N., Portland, Oregon
 Portland, Second Church and Bethany.....
E. E. Lesan, Addie Lesan, supplies, St. Johns, "
 Portland, Alberta Church.....
E. I. Harrington, 1001 Glenn avenue, N., Portland, "
 Gresham.....S. G. Roper, Gresham, "
 Houlton and Yankton.....
 W. R. Plumlee, W. J. Johnson, supply.....Houlton, "
 Hillsboro and Forest Grove.....J. N. Wood, Hillsboro, "
 Sunnyside and Damascus.....D. M. Higbee, R. F. D. 1, Clackamas, "

J. F. Leise, superannuated, Seattle, Washington; E. L. Smith, superannuated, Portland, Oregon; D. W. Cook, superannuated, Hillsboro, Oregon; Wm. Barrett, superannuated, Portland, Oregon; R. H. Clark, superannuated, Lents, Oregon; G. W. Bondurant, supernumerary, Hillsboro, Oregon; S. F. Pitts, supernumerary; B. C. Dewey, evangelist, Lents, Oregon; E. W. Hillis, transferred to Columbia River conference; F. L. Burns, member of the Portland district quarterly conference.

SALEM DISTRICT—J. A. HOPPER, District Elder, 627 East Charleston street, Portland, Oregon

Salem and Aumsville....W. J. Johnston, 1228 N. Winter street, Salem, Oregon
 Newberg.....Edwin W. Hight, Newberg, "

Falls City.....Edgar N. Long, Anna Long, supplies, Falls City, Oregon
 Woodburn and Hubbard.....H. A. Walter, Woodburn, "
 Albany and Lakeview.....A. S. Wright, R. F. D. No. 1, Albany, "
 Lacombe and Waterloo.....Edith Graves, supply, Lacombe, "
 Peoria and Ingram Island.....Floyd H. Evans, supply, Peoria, "
 Yackets and Buck Creek.....W. J. Bowerman, Yackets, "
 BeaverTo be supplied

J. D. Cook, superannuated, Airlie, Oregon; Cyrus Cook, superannuated, 1911
 N. Church, Salem, Oregon; B. L. Knoll, superannuated, Lacombe, Oregon; J. F.
 Lewis, supernumerary, Woodburn, Oregon; F. D. Helm, supernumerary; E. A.
 Sayre, supernumerary; C. H. Carlson, supernumerary; L. D. Clevenger, evan-
 gelist; N. Welter, evangelist, Newberg, Oregon; S. H. Upton, evangelist, New-
 berg, Oregon; J. G. Hessler, evangelist, Woodburn, Oregon; J. A. Hopper, mem-
 ber of Salem district quarterly conference.

THE DALLES—F. L. BURNS, District Elder

The Dalles Mission
E. D. Blackman, Martha Blackman, supply, The Dalles, Oregon
 Maupin and White River.....W. H. Anderson, supply, Maupin, "
 Madras.....L. D. Belcher, supply, Madras, "
 George Ellis, withdrawn from conference and church.

LOCAL ELDERS

D. M. Cathey.....Gresham, Oregon C. H. Purcell.....Hubbard, Oregon

LOCAL DEACONS

W. G. MacLaren, 21 North Front street, J. W. Adams.....Hillsboro, Oregon
 Portland, Oregon C. HauxwellLebanon, Oregon

LOCAL PREACHERS

Edgar Long.....Falls City, Oregon	Norman Cook.....Gervais, Oregon
C. H. Thayer .....Portland, "	Walter Richards....Waterloo, "
Verne Damon, Sta. P., Seattle, Wash- ington	John Turnedge.....Lacombe, "
R. G. Staines.....St. Johns, Oregon	Henry Nelson.....Newberg, "
Earl Cyders.....Portland, "	William Anderson.....Maupin, "
Sidney Scott.....Portland, "	L. B. Belcher.....Madras, "
James Sigler .....Hillsboro, "	E. E. Lesan.....Portland, "
John Allen.....Portland, "	W. H. Aldridge.....Maupin, "
E. A. Slover.....Salem, "	A. P. Laverty.....The Dalles, "
	Willis Baker.....The Dalles, "

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Mary F. Coffee, 225 E. 55th street, No., Clara J. Upton.....Newberg, Oregon
 Portland, Oregon Elizabeth Carlson....Albany, "
 Lillie Purcell.....Hubbard, Oregon

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Martha J. Burns, Forest Grove, Oregon	Addie Lesan.....Portland, Oregon
Martha Blackman..The Dalles, "	Julia Beck.....The Dalles, "
Susan Clark.....Lents, "	Ethel C. Hight.....Newberg, "
Edith Graves.....Lacombe, "	Bertha Gourley.....Portland, "

DEACONESS

Bessie G. Danskin, Station P., Seattle, Washington

SUNDAY-SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS

Portland, First Church, F. A. Miller, 2926 67th street, Portland, Oregon	Forest Grove, Martha Burns, Forest Grove, Oregon
Portland, Central Church, Earl Cyders, 110 71st street, No., Portland, Oregon	Salem... Clara Cooley, Salem, Oregon
Portland, Second Church, Henry Grab- ler, Atlantic street, St. Johns, Oregon	Newberg, George Edwards, Dundee, Oregon
Portland, Third Church, George Bey- mer, Lents, Oregon	Woodburn, Mary Gertrude Belcher, Gervais, Oregon
Gresham, David Cathey, Gresham, Ore- gon	Falls City, Phoebe Ward, Falls City, Oregon
Sunnyside, Nellie Ellis, Clackamas, Oregon, R. F. D. No. 1.	Lakeview, Mrs. E. B. Smith, R. F. D. 1, Albany, Oregon
Damascus, Myrtle Lingle, Boring, Ore- gon	Hubbard, C. H. Purcell, Hubbard, Ore- gon
Houlton, J. A. Bushong, Yankton, Ore- gon	Lacomb... James Nave, Lacomb, Oregon
Hillsboro, Lucy Sigler, Hillsboro, Ore- gon	Ingram Island, A. M. Wallace, Junc- tion City, Oregon, R. F. D. No. 4
	Maupin, Dollie Johnson, Maupin, Ore- gon

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on hand from last year	\$ 3.41
Received from circuits	773.93
Received from General Treasurer.....	211.00
Total.....	<u>\$988.34</u>
Paid General Treasurer.....	\$140.00
Paid at conference.....	846.80
Postage	1.54
Total.....	<u>\$988.34</u>

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE OREGON CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

Oregon Conference

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CHARGE	Raised in Sunday School for Foreign Missions	Raised for Children's Fund	Raised for General Conference S. S. Board	Raised for Annual Conference Sunday School Board	Raised in Sunday School for All Other Benevolences	Total Amount Raised in Sunday School	Conference Missions	Pastors' Support	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Support	Evangelists' Support	Incidentals	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
Portland District																
Portland, First Church.....	\$ 10 16					\$ 74 00	\$ 41 20	\$ 1100 20	\$ 120	\$ 192 00	\$ 60 00	\$ 221 00	1	\$ 6000	1	\$ 2500
Portland, Central Church.....						\$ 79 14	12 65	525 74		81 75	68 98	391 35	1	4000		
Portland, Second Church and Bethany.....						68 73	3 37	584 26		49 50		67 20	1	2000		
Portland, Third Church.....						12 90		25 38		11 00		12 00	1	2000		
Gresham and Alberta Churches.....						25 38	10 80	708 77		100 00	38 25	61 50	1	3300		750
Forest Grove and Hillsboro.....						21 76	8 40	313 41	108	34 15	53 99	15 90	1	4000		1500
Sunnyside and Damascus.....	95	6 20				34 00	8 28	325 00	72	38 50	34 15	91 30	1	2000		1000
Houlton.....	7 41					43 71	9 20	410 00	96	45 00	92 00	55 70	1	1000	1	800
Orengo.....							1 30	25 00		6 30						
Salem District																
Salem and Aunsville.....	8 93				9 40	53 33	22 08	406 12	75	25 80	67 00	372 19	1	1000	1	700
Newberg.....	10 00					50 00	9 58	178 16		65 57	65 00	114 00	1	750		600
Woodburn and Hubbard.....					10 00	31 45	9 20	406 19	84	42 85	14 41	170 58	2	1600		1200
Falls City.....						29 95	15 81	235 89		46 10	30 00	48 88	1	1200		1000
Albany, Peoria, Ingram Island, Lakeview.....						5 50	10 85	177 31	23	6 50		8 50		1000		
Lacomb.....						29 56	6 80	316 39	60	36 06	5 00		1	1000		500
Yackets and Buck Creek.....						8 35		163 85	40	17 10	5 00	12 75	1	1000	1	
The Dalles District																
Madras.....	3 00					20 00	40	247 00	60	43 51	63 31	15 60	1	600		
Maupin and White River.....	1 71	2 00	1 75			36 46		351 00	120	65 60	25 00	62 50	1	1000	1	700
The Dalles.....					3 25	9 25		164 84		28 35	13 55	105 17				
Total.....	\$ 42 16	\$ 8 20	\$ 1 75	\$ 22 65	\$ 633 67	\$ 169 92	\$ 6724 71	\$ 858	\$ 975 64	\$ 638 64	\$ 1826 07	20	\$ 32450	11	\$ 11250	

CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Thirty-fifth Annual Session, held
at Keyes, California, June 6-9, 1917

OFFICERS

WALTER A. SELLEW, *President* W. C. SIMPSON, *Secretary and Treasurer*
L. W. HUSTON, *Assistant Secretary and Sunday-school Secretary*
L. H. MULHOLLAND, *Auditor* DAVID McLEOD, *Transportation Secretary*

COMMITTEES

On Nominations—David McLeod, D. C. Newell, L. H. Mulholland, H. E. Wolcott, A. R. Baxter.
On Public Worship—Walter A. Sellew, David McLeod, N. L. Smith.
On Reforms—L. W. Huston, A. Randall, M. F. Bishop, Rachel McCraney.
On Publications—E. P. Hart, A. C. Brown, W. I. Farnham, N. A. Sheaffer, Mary E. Davis.
On Education—O. F. Fero, L. H. Mulholland, W. I. Farnham, H. E. Wolcott, A. R. Baxter.
On Sunday-schools—Alfred Randall, W. Virgo, Anna Winter, Ida Williams.
On Charities—H. W. Dobbins, Charles Fish, G. W. Sneed, Julia Vanderpool.
On State of the Work—David McLeod, L. H. Mulholland, H. E. Wolcott, A. R. Baxter.
To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes—H. W. Dobbins, A. Randall.
On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.
To Examine the Quarterly Conference Records—W. I. Farnham, M. F. Bishop, L. W. Huston.
On Conference Missions—The stationing committee.
On Complimentary Resolutions—O. F. Fero, N. L. Smith, M. Augusta Morgan.
On Memoirs—J. Barnhart, Laura E. Simpson.
On Conference Stationery—The secretary.
On Claimants and Claims—Walter A. Sellew, David McLeod, L. H. Mulholland, A. R. Baxter, H. E. Wolcott.
On Pastoral Support—O. F. Fero, A. Verkuyl, A. R. Baxter.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

J. Barnhart, president, three years; H. E. Wolcott, secretary and treasurer, four years; L. H. Mulholland, five years; H. L. Kibby, two years; A. Verkuyl, one year.

CAMP MEETING COMMITTEE

L. H. Mulholland, J. Barnhart, A. R. Baxter, C. L. Bliss, L. W. Huston.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN THE COURSE OF STUDY

W. C. Simpson, president, two years; L. W. Huston, secretary, one year; O. F. Fero, three years.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

L. H. Mulholland, president; W. I. Farnham, secretary and treasurer; J. Barnhart, L. M. Williams, G. W. Sneed.

TRUSTEES OF LOS ANGELES SEMINARY

W. C. Simpson, five years; Charles Fish, two years; H. L. Kibby, three years.

ON CHURCH AND PARSONAGE PROPERTY

L. H. Mulholland, J. Barnhart, C. W. MacRae, A. Verkuyl.

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTIC BOARD

J. Barnhart, president; L. H. Mulholland, secretary; L. W. Huston, treasurer; H. W. Dobbins, D. C. Newell, A. Randall, N. A. Sheaffer.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Reforms—O. F. Fero, *On Charities*—A. Randall,
On Publications—W. I. Farnham, *On State of the Work*—L. H. Mulhol-
On Sunday-schools—N. L. Smith, land, J. Barnhart,
On Education—D. C. Newell.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Conference Missions (50 cents); second quarter, General Missions, Bishops' Salaries; third quarter, Church Extension, Permanent Fund, General Conference Entertainment, Foreign Missions; fourth quarter, Conference Claimants, Annual Conference Entertainment and General Conference Delegates' Expenses (20 cents).

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Mrs. Jennie C. McLeod, president, 37 South Branceforte avenue, Santa Cruz, California; Mrs. Nora F. Newell, first vice-president, 1512 14th street, Sacramento, California; Mrs. Carrie M. Bliss, second vice-president and recording secretary, 101 Ocean View avenue, Santa Cruz, California; Mrs. Nora F. Newell, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Ina M. Baird, treasurer, 1109 Park avenue, Alameda, California; Mrs. Nellie Fero, superintendent of Junior work, 112 North Ninth street, San Jose, California; Mrs. Jennie C. McLeod, box superintendent.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

E. P. Hart,	C. H. Loomis,	W. D. Bishop,
A. K. Main,	Chas. Fish,	W. C. Simpson.
L. H. Mulholland,	D. C. Newell,	H. W. Dobbins,
T. H. Symms,	H. E. Burbank,	L. W. Huston,
D. W. Hart,	David McLeod,	D. G. Benton,
Alfred Randall,	N. L. Smith,	A. C. Brown,
J. Barnhart,	C. J. Burnett,	A. D. Sprouse,
W. Virgo,	W. I. Farnham,	O. F. Fero.

DELEGATES

N. A. Sheaffer,	A. R. Baxter,	G. W. Sneed.
M. F. Bishop,	Laura E. Simpson,	Ida Williams,
Rachel McCraney,	Julia Vanderpool,	Anna Winter,
M. Augusta Morgan,	Mary E. Davis.	

2. Who are the stationing committee? Walter A. Sellew, David McLeod, A. R. Baxter.
3. What preachers are admitted on trial? Earl Mack, W. A. Stephens.
4. Who remain on trial? A. L. Grinnell, Leslie H. Hendren.
5. Who are admitted into full connection? None.
6. Who are the deacons? H. E. Burbank.
7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? None.
8. Who have located this year? None.
9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? D. G. Benton, T. H. Symms, A. C. Brown.
10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? E. P. Hart, D. W. Hart, C. H. Loomis, W. D. Bishop, Charles Fish.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? W. I. Farnham, an elder from the Platte River conference.
12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.
13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? C. J. Burnett.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.
15. Who have died this year? None.
- 16-20. See statistical report.
21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? D. W. Hart, \$150.00; Mrs. M. A. Kelley, \$125.00; Charles Fish, \$90.00; C. H. Loomis, \$40.00. Total, \$405.00.
23. See treasurer's report.
24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.
25. Where and when shall our next session be held? The place of holding was left with a committee composed of the following named persons: L. H. Mulholland, J. Barnhart, A. R. Baxter, L. W. Huston, C. L. Bliss; the time as near Wednesday, June 5th, 1918, as will suit the plan of the bishop who is to preside.

APPOINTMENTS

SACRAMENTO DISTRICT—L. H. Mulholland, District Elder, Route 2, Box 78, Ripon, California

Sacramento.....	D. C. Newell, Nora F. Newell, supply,	
	1512 14th street, Sacramento,	California
Ione.....	L. H. Hendren, Evelyn Hendren, supply, Ione,	"
Plymouth.....	A. Randall, Plymouth,	"
Chico and Gridley.....	Edwin Bates, supply, 918 Ivy street, Chico,	"
Oakdale.....	H. W. Dobbins, Oakdale,	"
Hanford.....	W. I. Farnham, 209 East Ivy street, Hanford,	"
Turlock and Crow's Landing.....		
	W. C. Simpson, 326 East Main street, Turlock,	"
Modesto and Ripon.....	N. L. Smith, Bertha B. Smith, supply,	
	205 Johnson street, Modesto,	"
Fresno.....	W. Virgo, 1007 Harrison street, Fresno,	"

D. G. Benton, supernumerary, Hughson, California; T. H. Symms, supernumerary, Gridley, California; A. C. Brown, supernumerary, Kingsburg, California; Charles Fish, superannuated, Ripon, California; A. K. Main, left without appointment, according to paragraph 116 of the Discipline, Modesto, California; H. E. Burbank, missionary to the Kolu Indians, Colusa, California.

SAN JOSE DISTRICT—J. Barnhart, District Elder, Route 2, Box 68, Turlock, California

San Jose.....	O. F. Fero, 112 North Ninth street, San Jose, California
Santa Cruz.....	David McLeod, 37 South Branceforte avenue, Santa Cruz,
Alameda.....	L. W. Huston, 1414 Park avenue, Alameda,
San Francisco.....	
	C. L. Manning, supply, 3024 24th street, San Francisco,
Corralitos.....	Earl Mack, R. F. D. 5, Watsonville,
Aromas.....	W. A. Stephens, Aromas,

E. P. Hart, superannuated, 1117 Park avenue, Alameda, California; W. D. Bishop, superannuated, Palo Alto, California; C. H. Loomis, superannuated, Santa Clara, California; D. W. Hart, superannuated, East Avenue 59 and Ebey street, Los Angeles, California; A. L. Grinnell, missionary to China; A. D. Sprouse, left without appointment according to paragraph 116 of the Discipline; C. H. Chase, transferred to the Southern California conference; C. J. Burnett, granted certificate of standing with view of transfer.

LOCAL PREACHERS AND EVANGELISTS

*M. L. Winegarden, Pasadena, California	†A. R. Baxter...Hanford, California
*J. T. Gromer, Watsonville, California	†L. M. Williams...Alameda, "
*Guy L. Watkins, Santa Cruz, California	†Nora F. Newell, Sacramento, California
†Martha B. Hart, Alameda, California	†Bertha B. Smith...Modesto, California
A. Verkuyl...Grangeville, "	C. G. Rambo.....Yolo, "
E. L. Kuykendall...Drytown, "	E. D. Farr.....Hughson, "
H. D. Backus.....Chico, "	R. E. Davenport...San Jose, "
Thomas Clark ...Alameda, "	H. E. Wolcott....Oakland, "
W. M. Mack....Santa Cruz, "	R. H. Knowles...Santa Cruz, "
Levi Auker ...Sacramento, "	Jennie C. McLeod, Santa Cruz, California
Esther Main ....Modesto, "	May L. Benton ..Hughson, California
Alice M. Knowles, Santa Cruz, California	Carrie M. Bliss...Santa Cruz, "
Maude Grinnell, Honan, China	Nettie P. Clark...Alameda, "
Lillie Stevens.....Aromas, California	E. H. Lundgren....Turlock, "

*Elder. †Deacon. ‡Conference evangelist.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS

San Jose—Miss Ida Williams 224 North Ninth street, San Jose, California	3024 24th street, San Francisco, California
Alameda—H. E. Wolcott, 454 36th street, Oakland, California	Santa Cruz—Mrs. Carrie M. Bliss, 101 Ocean View avenue, Santa Cruz, California
Corralitos—L. M. Amidon, R. F. D. 5, Watsonville, California	Oakdale—Gideon Mapes, Oakdale, California
Sacramento—Nora F. Newell, 1512 14th street, Sacramento, California	Modesto—Arthur M. Main, 1318 G. street, Modesto, California
Plymouth—Carl Kuykendall, Drytown, California	Turlock—E. H. Lundgren, 243 Lyons street, Turlock, California
Ione—Mrs. Evelyn A. Hendren, Ione, California	Hanford—Miss Ethel Farnham, 209 East Ivy street, Hanford, California
San Francisco—Address the pastor at	

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

I. ON REFORMS

As far as we know, there has never been a time in the history of the world when the spirit of reform has swept throughout civilization as it is sweeping to-day. Every nation and community seems to be contributing a proportion of helpful effort and reaping in return pronounced benefits which promise to be lasting.

Prohibition.—We rejoice with gratitude over the steadily advancing wave of state, national and world-wide prohibition. As a people we are united in our support of unqualified prohibition in all its branches, and are resolved to continue our opposition to the liquor traffic until it is totally destroyed.

Tobacco.—We are pleased to note the rising tide of public sentiment against the use of tobacco. Smoking in public places is being discouraged in many ways: and in one of our large cities smoking is entirely prohibited upon all street cars. The harmful effects of tobacco upon body, mind and morals is being taught in our public schools throughout the land. We reaffirm our opposition to the filthy practise of tobacco and pledge unceasing support to all efforts looking toward its destruction.

Sociability.—Strangers visiting our services in time past have sometimes

complained of a lack of sociability. We fear there is too much truth in this accusation. It ought not to be so. The genuineness of the religion that we profess ought to make us friendly, sociable and sympathetic. How can we win men without a love that impels us toward them? Beloved, let us resolve that no one shall come within reach of our friendship and interest but shall have it. Let us extend as we may have opportunity the divine love and gospel welcome which should always characterize the people and church of God.

Ministerial Support.—The ministry has always been, as a class, more poorly paid than any other class of equal ability. It ought not to be so, but it is so and we only state the truth. We believe that no more faithful or consecrated set of men exist than those in the ministry of the Free Methodist church. Notwithstanding the need that has always existed for increasing the support of the ministry, the necessity was never more imperative than now. It would be superfluous for us to dwell upon the high and ever increasing cost of living. It is too well known to us all. The situation demands a renewed and persistent effort upon the part of those to whom the duty of raising the preacher's support is committed. Ways and means may be chosen by each individual society, but substantial increase must be provided if we are to retain efficiency in our ministry.

Singing.—Your committee desires to call attention to the need of better singing in our public services. We are thankful for the progress that has been made in this matter, but there is still room for much improvement. Competent leaders should be appointed in every church to conduct the singing. Adaptable young men and women should be encouraged to fit themselves for such leadership. Thus we may dispose of the common excuse that we have no leaders of song, and insure better singing.

TREASURER'S REPORT

ANNUAL CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT FUND—Received and paid out, \$27.00.

CONFERENCE MISSION FUND—Received a total of \$215.00; paid out as follows:
To San Francisco, \$100.00; to Plymouth, \$40.00; to Ione, \$40.00; to Chico, \$20.00; making a total paid out of \$200.00, leaving a balance of \$15.00 on hand.

GENERAL CONFERENCE CLAIMS:

On hand from last year.....	\$ 1.99
Received from circuits for assessed claims.....	415.00
" on Superannuated Subscription Fund.....	59.50
" for General Sunday-school Board	3.00
" for Children's Fund	3.70
" for Foreign Missions	3.65
" for Educational Fund	1.00
" by collection at conference	14.50

Total received for different funds\$502.34

DISBURSED:

To General Treasurer assessed claims in full	\$431.00
" " " Superannuated Subscription	59.50
" " " for General Sunday-school Board	3.00
" " " Children's Fund	3.70
" " " Foreign Missions	3.65
" " " Educational Fund	1.00

Total paid to General Treasurer\$501.85

Balance in treasury, 49 cents.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

CHARGE	Raised in Sunday School Missions	Raised for Children's Fund	Raised for General Conference	Raised for Annual Conference Sunday School Board	Raised in Sunday School for All Other Benevolences	Total Amount Raised in Sunday School	Conference Missions	Pastors' Support	Parsonage Rent	Riders' Support	Evangelists' Support	Incidentals	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
San Jose District																
San Jose	\$ 10 25	\$	\$	\$ 6 00	\$ 66 51	\$ 27 00	\$ 525 00	\$ 144	\$ 113 00	\$	\$	\$ 175 27	1	\$ 5000	1	\$ 1250
Alameda	27 74	5 00	8 92	8 92	130 20	19 50	613 90	144	78 38	278 80	278 80	643 01	1	3500	1	3500
Santa Cruz	27 11	1 00	1 00	1 00	95 84	35 00	650 00	180	140 00	43 90	22 50	245 50	1	4000	1	4000
San Francisco	13 50	1 00	1 00	1 00	56 21	11 50	330 22	100	31 85	22 50	22 50	45 77	1	5000	1	5000
Corralitos and Aromas																
Sacramento District																
Sacramento	1 01	1 00	5 00	5 00	63 26	20 00	610 00	240	80 00	20 00	20 00	20 20	1	5000	1	3000
Yuba	2 96	2 25	7 25	7 25	28 05	7 00	406 65	120	28 25	28 25	10 90	72 10	2	2000	1	1000
Clay	12 89	2 20	5 40	19 59	70 92	5 50	710 45	120	22 50	22 50	10 90	719 57	2	1800	1	1000
Colusa	21 28	2 70	8 15	5 50	68 95	8 50	540 00	165	40 95	40 95	114 15	114 15	1	1200	1	1000
Oakdale	15 20	79	6 40	72 96	72 96	18 50	618 00	165	75 16	25 70	25 70	41 18	1	2000	1	2300
Modesto and Ripon	27 25	79	2 70	89 06	89 06	21 50	461 00	160	77 20	74 00	74 00	682 23	1	2800	1	2800
Turlock and Crow's Landing	4 00			64 65	64 65	21 00	780 00	160	88 55	88 55	88 55	183 00	1	3000	1	1800
Hanford						4 00			3 00	3 00	3 00					
Castella																
Raised at conference																
Total	\$163 19	\$ 6 90	\$2 79	\$45 85	\$41 01	\$ 821 53	\$ 7020 07	\$ 1373	\$ 847 74	\$ 153 10	\$ 3260 78	\$ 40800 12	\$24350			

SOUTH AFRICA MISSION CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Twelfth Annual Session, held at
Fair View Mission Station, April 4-8, 1917

OFFICERS

J. W. HALEY, *President*

JULES RYFF, *Secretary*

R. J. JACOBS, *Treasurer*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—The president, Moses Cele and G. G. Kessel.

On Reforms—R. J. Jacobs, W. A. Backenstoe, Johannes Madjangaza.

On Examining Quarterly Conference Records—Margaret A. Nickel, Mrs. Anderson and James Ndhlovu.

On Memoirs—Miss Nellie Reed and Mrs. Ogle.

On Sunday-schools—Lucy A. Hartman, Mrs. R. H. Smith and William Cele.

On Education—A. M. Anderson, Mrs. Backenstoe, James Ndhlovu.

On State of the Work—G. G. Kessel, Carroll Smith, Jules Ryff.

On Complimentary Resolutions—Mrs. J. Ryff and John Ogle.

On Publishing the Minutes in Zulu—The secretary and William Cele.

On Collecting Funds to Publish the Minutes in Zulu—Miss Allen and Julius Pahla.

On Complimentary Resolutions—Mrs. J. Ryff and John Ogle.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

Jules Ryff, 1918; Margaret A. Nickel, 1919; A. M. Anderson, 1920.

TREASURERS FOR MISSIONARY BOARD FUNDS

For all Board Funds excepting Inhambane Funds—Jules Ryff.

For Inhambane Funds—Margaret A. Nickel.

AUDITING COMMITTEE

J. W. Haley, term expires 1918; Nellie A. Reed, term expires 1919; A. M. Anderson, term expires 1920.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Education—J. S. Rice,

On State of the Work—A. M. Ander-

On Reforms—W. A. Backenstoe,

son,

On Sunday-schools—Ida B. Rice.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

MISSIONARIES

J. W. Haley,
Carroll Smith,
F. Grace Allen,
Anna S. Brodhead,
Lucy A. Hartman,
Jules Ryff,
Lillie A. Agnew,
Rosa H. Smith,
G. G. Kessel,

Lilla E. Ryff,
Margaret A. Nickel,
Hattie L. Kessel,
R. J. Jacobs,
N. B. Ghormley,
A. M. Anderson,
A. E. Haley,
Luella M. Newton,

Nellie A. Reed,
W. S. Backenstoe,
Mary S. Backenstoe,
Mary D. Anderson,
Matilda D. Haley,
Maggie LaBarr,
Rachel B. Ghormley,
Ida B. Rice.

NATIVE DELEGATES

John Ogle,
James Ndhlovu,

Julius Pahla,
Moses Cele,

William Cele,
Johannes Madjangaza.

2. Who are the stationing committee? J. W. Haley, Carroll Smith, G. G. Kessel, Lucy A. Hartman, W. A. Backenstoe.
3. What preachers are admitted on trial? None.
4. Who remain on trial? James S. Rice.
5. Who are admitted into full membership? None.
6. Who are the deacons? R. J. Jacobs.
- 7-13. None.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? Have they during the past year discharged their duties to God, themselves, and one another? The character of each missionary was examined and passed.
15. Who have died this year? None.
- 16-19. See statistics of foreign missions.
24. Where the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.
25. Where and when shall our conference be held next year? The place is to be decided upon by a committee consisting of the district elders. The time, the Easter holidays.

APPOINTMENTS

INHAMBANE DISTRICT—JULES RYFF, District Elder

Roberts' Memorial Mission.....G. A. Pine, supply; Virginia Pine, associate
Girls' School.....Margaret A. Nickel, Mae P. Armstrong, associate
Carroll Smith and Rosa H. Smith, on furlough. Ida B. Rice, on leave of
absence for one year.

Evangelists: Joshua Shalaza, Samuel Lihani, Samson Magangelo, Jakobe
Muyana, Wilson Nyaniso, Alfeu Shimbusha, Daniel Ngitingi, Jobe Nkumbe,
Isaiah Mawelle, Charlie Ligidao, David Marengula, Abraham Hwati, Johan
Shibamu, Shumayeli Nyakule, Saul Mafumisa, Daniel Munyeketi, Esau Mun-
yeketi, Stefana Munyeketi, Jim Kuhlana, Johan Bohane, Isaiah Sheneleni, Ben-
jamin Cwabane, Zakeu Ligidao, Simone Hele, Simone Nyamombe, Tomasi Ma-
kulane, Johannes Magaraganyana, Elija Makumbane, Isaiah Muzilah, Petros
Kumbane, Filipu Malahesi.

WITWATERSRAND DISTRICT—JULES RYFF, District Elder

Germiston.....Jules Ryff, Lilla E. Ryff, associate
Evangelists: Two to be supplied.

COAST DISTRICT—J. W. HALEY, District Elder

Fair View Mission Station....J. W. Haley, Jennie Haley and Lillie Agnew, as-
sociates; Lillie Agnew in charge of the Magog and Isikwebezi part of the
circuit.

Fair View Girls' Home.....F. Grace Allen, Alice Evans, associate
Fair View Farm....W. S. Woods and Annie Woods, special appointees of the
Missionary Board.

Albert F. Haley, Matilda D. Haley, G. G. Kessel and Hattie L. Kessel, on
furlough.

Evangelists: Mpolosa Mqadi, William Cele, Moses Cele, and one to be
supplied for Magog and Isikwebezi.

INLAND DISTRICT—J. W. HALEY, District Elder

Itemba Mission Station.....Lucy A. Hartman, Nellie A. Reed, associate
Native evangelists: Mvakwendhlu Cele, John Ogle and Maciyana Ngati.

Edwaleni Mission Station.....R. J. Jacobs
 Evangelists: Julius Pahla and Jakobe Ndindikazi.
 Edwaleni Training School.....R. J. Jacobs, principal; Ethel M. Jacobs, J. S.
 Rice and Mabel K. Rice, associates, appointees of the Board.
 Medical Work: W. A. Backenstoe and Mary S. Backenstoe.
 N. B. Ghormley, Rachel B. Ghormley, Maggie LaBarr and Luella M. New-
 ton, on furlough.

PONDOLAND DISTRICT—A. M. ANDERSON, District Elder

Greenville.....A. M. Anderson; Mary E. Anderson, associate and in charge of
 the educational work.
 Evangelists: John Nqakaza and Johannes Madjangaza.
 Crichtlow.....To be supplied
 Evangelists: James Ndhlovu, Albert Nyaoase, Joash Msabala, Benjamin
 Mampofu and Adam Kula.
 Anna S. Brodhead, Ole Kragerud, on furlough. (J. P. Brodhead's member-
 ship is recorded in the Oil City conference.)

MISCELLANEOUS

The conference came together this year with mingled feelings of sorrow and joy, sorrowful because some of the missionaries had to leave for the home-land, particularly Miss Newton, whose health is so broken; but thankful and glad that a number of new and returned missionaries had safely passed the dangers of the sea and taken their places in our midst. Those leaving us this year must travel under very unfavorable circumstances; but they go with the prayers and best wishes of all who remain.

The session was very harmonious all through. The conference showed its appreciation of Brother Haley's administrative ability and impartiality as a presiding officer by reelecting him almost unanimously on the first ballot to preside next year. A packed house heard him preach an able sermon Sunday morning.

The presence of the Lord was manifest throughout the session. The faces of the people showed that they enjoyed the meetings and were edified and blest.

MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Fifty-third Annual Session, held
at Detroit, Michigan, August 15-19, 1917

OFFICERS

WILLIAM PEARCE, *President*
F. L. BAKER, *Secretary* GEORGE H. PETERS, *Assistant Secretary*
W. C. MUFFITT, *Treasurer*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—William Pearce, G. H. Peters, W. H. Wilson, W. C. Muffitt, H. Montgomery, B. J. Harpham.
To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—C. W. Miller.
To Publish the Minutes—The secretaries.
On Education—H. Montgomery, H. S. Stewart, F. C. Holden, Margaret Pifer.
On Publications—E. S. Jennings, C. E. Post, Lucy Bovee, Charles E. Rigley.
On Sunday-schools—B. J. Harpham, B. L. Olmstead, Sarah Bowser, Percy Clark.
On Reforms—J. G. Fortress, W. E. Hosmer, Lewis Snyder, Ernest Clark.
On Charities—R. L. Scamehorn, D. M. Wells, H. Bentley, C. J. Newland.
To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—J. Timbers, H. S. Stewart, S. A. Whitmore.
To Visit Spring Arbor Seminary—George Laubach, G. H. Peters.
On Reporting to the Press—B. L. Olmstead.
On Conference Missions and Appropriations—The stationing committee.
On Complimentary Resolutions—E. N. Foulk, A. R. Hamilton, W. D. Kingsley.
Auditor—D. S. Warner.
On Conference Claims and Claimants—Bishop William Pearce, W. H. Wilson, W. C. Muffitt, W. W. Clark, William Hall.
On Memoirs—W. H. Wilson, F. P. Russell, R. L. Scamehorn.

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W. H. Wilson, G. H. Peters, W. C. Muffitt.

On Education—H. S. Stewart,
On Publications—S. A. Whitmore,
On Reforms—D. M. Wells,
On Charities—J. Timbers,
On Sunday-schools—George Laubach.

Total amount to be collected, \$1.25; 25 cents a quarter for first three and fifty cents last quarter. All over general claims to be used for Conference Missions. All conference claims to be sent to W. C. Muffitt, treasurer, Kalamazoo, Michigan. An amount equal to 10 cents per member to be raised on each circuit for conference entertainment and a free-will offering to be taken by each pastor for Spring Arbor Seminary.

Bishop William Pearce, president, 4532 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Frank L. Baker, secretary, Spring Arbor, Michigan; G. H. Peters, assistant secretary, Spring Arbor, Michigan; W. C. Muffitt, treasurer, 402 East Walnut street, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

B. R. Jones,	P. E. Vincent,	G. W. C. Smith,
F. P. Russell,	R. L. Scamehorn,	C. W. Miller,
G. H. Peters,	F. L. Baker,	George Laubach,
D. S. Warner,	W. C. Muffitt,	D. J. VanAntwerp,
A. V. Leonardson,	J. G. Fortress,	L. N. Cottrell,
W. A. Hennesey,	J. A. Vore,	W. D. Kingsley,
Leonard Larkins,	W. H. Wilson,	E. S. Jennings,
E. N. Foulk,	B. L. Olmstead,	A. R. Hamilton,
W. E. Hosmer,	John Timbers,	H. S. Stewart,
N. M. Cooke,	C. E. Post,	Anna L. Bright Bates,
S. A. Whitmore,	B. J. Harpham,	H. Montgomery,
D. D. Marston,	David Wells,	W. F. Abbott.

C. J. Newland,	Sarah Palmatier,	Myrtle Webster,
Caroline Mott,	F. C. Holden,	Charles E. Rigley,
Lottie Calkins,	Wilber Thorp,	Lewis Snyder,
Margaret Pifer,	Harvey Bently,	Mamie Shingledecker,
W. W. Clark,	Lucy Bovee,	Effa Betz,
William Hall,	Ernest Clark,	Walter Hobbins,
Ella Tase,	Samuel Rochelle,	Edgar Russell,
Jacob Uhls,	Sarah Bowser,	Percy Clark.
Sarah Bale,	William Spohr,	

2. Who are the stationing committee? William Pearce, W. H. Wilson, G. H. Peters, W. C. Muffitt, W. W. Clark, William Hall, Charles E. Rigley.
3. What preachers are admitted on trial? A. N. Frink, William J. Houck, W. E. Webster.
4. Who remain on trial? B. F. Hitchcock, E. G. Holdridge.
5. Who are admitted into full connection? W. F. Abbott.
6. Who are the deacons? Leonard Larkins, Anna Bright Bates, B. J. Harpham.

7. Who are elected and ordained elders this year? None.
8. Who are located this year? D. D. Marston.
9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? George Laubach, J. A. Vore, D. J. Van Antwerp, Leonard Larkins, E. G. Holdridge.
10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? P. E. Vincent, G. W. C. Smith, A. V. Leonardson, L. N. Cottrell.
11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? None.
12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? J. F. Wilkinson.
13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer? None.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.
15. Who have died this year? A. Bradfield, J. Baker, and William McKay, local deacon.
- 16-20. See statistics.
21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? P. E. Vincent, \$150; G. W. C. Smith, \$125; A. V. Leonardson, \$150; L. N. Cottrell, \$120; Mary Jones, \$20; Elizabeth Baker, \$50; Emily Bradfield, \$150.
- 22-23. See statistical reports.
24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.
25. Where and when shall our next session of conference be held? Place left with the district elders and time to be as near the third Wednesday in August, 1918, as will suit the plan of the bishop who shall hold the same.

APPOINTMENTS

DETROIT DISTRICT—W. H. WILSON, District Elder, Spring Arbor, Michigan.

Detroit, First Church.....	B. J. Harpham, 681 Trombly avenue, Detroit, Michigan
Detroit, Second Church.....	H. Montgomery, 65 Buchanan street, Detroit, "
Ypsilanti and Wayne.....	E. N. Foulk, 522 St. John street, Ypsilanti, "
Carleton, Kittles and Texas.....	S. A. Whitmore, Carleton, "
Milan, Oakville and East Church.....	W. E. Hosmer, Milan, "
Temperance, Ida and Whiteford.....	"
"	A. H. Norrington, supply, Temperance, "
Petersburg, Townline and Prairie.....	H. S. Stewart, Petersburg, "
Adrian.....	R. L. Scamehorn, 1102 Frank street, Adrian, "
Jasper and Seneca.....	William Houck, Jasper, "

A. V. Leonardson, superannuated, Owosso, Michigan; George Laubach, supernumerary, Toledo, Ohio; Leonard Larkins, supernumerary; Anna L. Bates, evangelist, Monclova, Ohio; W. F. Wilkinson, withdrawn.

SPRING ARBOR DISTRICT—G. H. PETERS, District Elder, Spring Arbor, Michigan

Spring Arbor and Eckford.....	D. M. Wells, Spring Arbor, Michigan
Jackson.....	John Timbers, 307 East Wilkins street, Jackson, "
Parma.....	Harry Anstead, supply, Jackson, "
Battle Creek.....	E. S. Jennings, 202 East Fountain street, Battle Creek, "
Sherwood.....	Leon Voorheis, supply, Sherwood, "
Coldwater and Bethel.....	"
"	C. W. Miller, 145 South Jefferson street, Coldwater, "
South Quincy and Algansee.....	"
"	W. D. Kingsley, R. F. D. No. 5, Coldwater, "
Hillsdale.....	F. P. Russell, 96 McCullum street, Hillsdale, "
Hudson.....	Andrew Frink, Hudson, "
Frontier and Ransom.....	C. E. Post, Frontier, "
Freemont.....	To be supplied

Burton R. Jones, bishop, 44 East Peoria street, Pasadena, California;

D. S. Warner, editor Sunday-school literature, 1132 Washington boulevard, Chicago, Illinois; Frank L. Baker, field secretary of the General Missionary Board, Spring Arbor, Michigan; P. E. Vincent, superannuated, Spring Arbor, Michigan; G. W. C. Smith, superannuated, 1501 North avenue 56, Los Angeles, California; J. A. Vore, supernumerary, Spring Arbor, Michigan; D. J. Van Antwerp, supernumerary, Jackson, Michigan; E. G. Holdridge, supernumerary, Chesaning, Michigan; N. M. Cooke, evangelist, 410 East William street, Owosso, Michigan.

KALAMAZOO DISTRICT—W. C. MUFFITT, District Elder, 402 East Walnut street, Kalamazoo, Michigan

Kalamazoo.....A. R. Hamilton, 509 Jasper street, Kalamazoo, Michigan
 South Haven.....J. G. Fortress, 265 Broadway, South Haven, "
 Coloma, Watervliet, Bainbridge and Benton Harbor.....
W. A. Hennesey, Coloma, "
 Lawrence and Decatur.....To be supplied
 Vicksburg.....A. O. Wilford, supply, Vicksburg, Michigan

L. N. Cottrell, superannuated, Decatur, Michigan; D. D. Marston, located according to paragraph No. 116 of the Discipline, St. Petersburg, Florida; W. C. Muffitt, membership on Kalamazoo district.

FORT WAYNE DISTRICT—W. C. MUFFITT, District Elder

Fort Wayne.....B. L. Olmstead, 1403 Hurd street, Fort Wayne, Indiana
 Columbia City, Loraine, Bracken, Robert's Chapel and Sugar Grove,
W. F. Abbott, Columbia City, "
 Elkhart.....Eleanor Burns, Alice Barber, supplies,
811 Princeton street, Elkhart, "
 Mishawaka and River Park.....B. F. Hitchcock, Mishawaka, "
 South Bend.....W. E. Webster, 1311 South Rush street, South Bend, "

CONFERENCE ROLL OF PREACHERS

Year of admission into full connection	Name
1869.....	A. V. Leonardson
1870.....	Burton R. Jones
1877.....	P. E. Vincent
1877.....	G. W. C. Smith
1887.....	D. S. Warner
1887.....	F. P. Russell
1889.....	R. L. Scamehorn
1890.....	C. W. Miller
1890.....	H. Montgomery
1891.....	E. N. Foulk
1892.....	G. H. Peters
1892.....	W. C. Muffitt
1893.....	F. L. Baker
1893.....	W. H. Wilson
1896.....	W. E. Hosmer
1896.....	L. N. Cottrell
1897.....	N. M. Cooke
1898.....	George Laubach

Year of admission into full connection	Name
1899.....	H. S. Stewart
1899.....	John Timbers
1900.....	D. J. Van Antwerp
1900.....	W. D. Kingsley
1905.....	J. G. Fortress
1906.....	S. A. Whitmore
1907.....	J. A. Vore
1908.....	E. S. Jennings
1909.....	W. A. Hennesey
1911.....	A. R. Hamilton
1911.....	Leonard Larkins
1911.....	B. L. Olmstead
1913.....	C. E. Post
1913.....	Anna Bright Bates
1914.....	David M. Wells
1915.....	B. J. Harpham
1917.....	W. F. Abbott

LOCAL ELDERS AND DEACONS

*Lewis E. Chase...Jackson, Michigan	†S. A. McGee.Spring Arbor, Michigan
*A. L. Dewey.....Hudson, "	†J. N. Boyer.....Quincy, "
*G. C. Dean.....Hudson, "	†D. D. Marston, St. Petersburg, Florida

*Deacon †Elder

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Mrs. Josephine Holden, Quincy, Mich-	Mrs. L. Bovee.....Detroit, Michigan
igan	Amanda Norrington, Temperance,
Sarah Palmatier..Coldwater, Michigan	Michigan
May R. Whitmore..Carleton, "	Mrs. Margaret Wells, Spring Arbor,
Mrs. Mary Bennett..Adrian, "	Michigan
	Mrs. Eleanor Burns....Elkhart, Indiana

TREASURER'S REPORT

BISHOPS' SALARIES—Apportioned and paid, \$234.18.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS—Apportioned and paid, \$650.50.

GENERAL MISSION FUND—Apportioned and paid, \$195.15.

CHURCH EXTENSION—Apportioned and paid, \$130.10.

PERMANENT FUND—Apportioned and paid, \$65.05.

GENERAL CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT—Apportioned and paid, \$26.02.

CHILDREN'S FUND—\$13.98.

EDUCATIONAL FUND—\$3.60.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL FUND—\$1.50.

SPRING ARBOR SEMINARY—\$250.00.

CONFERENCE MISSIONS—Raised on circuits, \$292.75; paid out as ordered by conference, \$168.25; on hand, \$134.50; paid out at conference, Sherwood, \$10; Hillsdale, \$15; Mishawaka, \$15; ordered paid during the coming year, South Bend, \$25; Vicksburg, \$20; Jasper, \$20; Elkhart, \$20.

MISCELLANEOUS

The fifty-third annual session of the Michigan conference was held in the Detroit Second Church at Detroit, Michigan, August 15-19, 1917.

Bishop William Pearce presided, who came in the fulness of the blessing of the gospel of peace and was greatly appreciated in his ministry and presiding over the conference. His sermons and addresses to the conference were full of helpful admonitions, which will not be forgotten by the members of the conference.

The following ministerial brethren from the various conferences were introduced to the conference and invited to honorary seats: S. H. Porterfield and H. Vorheis, of the East Michigan conference; Prof. W. V. Miller, of the Wabash conference; A. E. Warren, of the Washington conference; Paul R. Heisel, of the Minnesota and Northern Iowa conference, and A. Smith, of the North Michigan conference.

W. F. Abbott was ordained deacon and I. L. Mudge as local deacon. H. Montgomery, pastor at the Second church, and B. J. Harpham, pastor at the First church, with the pilgrims and friends in Detroit, took care of the conference in the most hospitable and gracious manner, and were abundant in labors, that all whether members or visitors at the conference might feel fully welcome and at home.

A very liberal spirit was manifest in that \$1,775.00 was raised in cash and subscriptions to liquidate the debt on the parsonage belonging to the Second church. This offering and subscription was taken Saturday afternoon by G. H. Peters and W. H. Wilson, just before the appointments were read, and though so much was raised for this purpose it did not interfere with \$375.00 being raised for evangelistic purposes Sunday morning or with over \$700.00 for missions in the afternoon. \$42.95 was raised for publishing the minutes. The W. F. M. S. reported over \$1,900 raised for missions.

All present at this session of the Michigan conference were deeply impressed with the spirit of love manifest in all the conference business transacted and in the interest manifest by all in each other.

The conference requested the General Missionary Board that the work at South Bend be granted \$50.00 and the work at Vicksburg, \$25.00.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON EDUCATION

Education is the general and formal word for schooling of whatever sort, especially as gained in an institution of learning. Herbert Spencer says to prepare us for complete living is the function which education has to discharge, "To form and regulate the principles and character." Therefore a liberal education does not consist alone in a knowledge of the arts and sciences, but also in a knowledge of ourselves, our relation to God and our fellowmen, of the objects of life, and our destiny.

There never was a greater need of men with a *liberal* education than now. There is a growing tendency toward the total ignoring of moral training and spiritual development. In our public school system there is not only the absence of piety and religious training, but there is present the spirit of irreligion and criticism of the Bible. Many young people get their first lessons in infidelity in the high schools and colleges.

A student while at school forms opinions that stay with him through life. As a rule the early impressions are the strongest and sink deepest into the mind. The greatest need of the present age is "education for character." We do not need less knowledge but more religion; not less culture, but more piety.

The schools that combine Christian training with intellectual culture are the safest places for our young people. We jeopardize their eternal interests when we send them to instructors who make it their business to try to undermine the very foundations of our Christian faith. As a church we have great reason to thank God for our institutions of learning, which are second to none in the land. This is manifest, first, from the large number of saved and sanctified young people who go out from their halls yearly to bless the church and the world. It is manifest, second, from the fact that students from Greenville College and Spring Arbor Seminary are given full credit for their work at the State Normal at Ypsilanti, Michigan, and also at the University of Michigan. It has been sarcastically remarked by some bishops when receiving preachers from the Free Methodist church that the Free Methodists do not believe in education, notwithstanding we are supporting more schools and colleges according to our membership than the mother church is. Let us continue to support them with our prayers and our means, especially the one within the borders of our own conference, the Spring Arbor Seminary, which has passed through the narrows many times. Evidently God's approval and blessing is upon her.

II.—ON PUBLICATIONS

The words of Jesus to His disciples, "Go preach my gospel to every creature," are none the less effective to-day, and the press is one of the mighty agencies of carrying the gospel to the world.

We rejoice in the rapid strides made in our publishing interests and we need to rally as pastors to support our church publishing house by selling more books and Bibles and securing more subscriptions to our periodicals, to meet the added expense of publishing by getting for them an enlarged volume of business.

As to the quality of our publications they are second to none and superior to many. But holiness literature is not in demand these days and we must put forth an effort to scatter it. Our forefathers rode horseback and carried books and papers in their saddle bags, selling, loaning and giving away their precious books to hungry seekers after light. We ought to be willing to spend part of our tithe in purchasing books and tracts for scattering. "The Divine Plan of the Ages" has been one of the main agencies in scattering Russelism. Col-

porteurs sold, gave and loaned those books until there are few homes where the inmates have not seen or read some of its spurious doctrines covered by a cloak of sheepskin.

We would urge our members to take more careful interest in what their children read. Public libraries contain many books that are not beneficial, to say the least. These are days of much trashy literature. We need the best in our families. Money spent for good books and magazines is never lost. "What shall I read?" is the call that comes to the pastor where there are young people, and I have found it necessary to spend some time in searching to find suitable reading to please their varying tastes, but it can be found if we will look.

Our Sunday-schools should each have a library with one or more sets of those books advertised by our Publishing House. Periodicals may also be added, and Light and Life literature used in every department.

We deplore the tendency to read on the Sabbath the secular and Sunday newspapers in these times of war. News will keep one day, and we urge our people to refrain from allowing a Sunday paper room on the reading table.

III.—ON REFORMS

The Free Methodist church has always stood on the right side of every reform movement. We pledge our support to any just movement that will cause the final destruction of the following evils:

THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC is the greatest evil that menaces the world. It has killed more people than war, famine and pestilence combined. We are glad to note that this diabolic business is being checked. Already over half the states have voted dry, and we will not be satisfied until we see the flag of prohibition floating over the Capitol at Washington. We do not indorse any anti-saloon league compromise in this fight against rum. We are for straight prohibition and bone dry legislation. We have attained great victories, and the enemy is on the run. We will continue the fight until the liquor traffic is completely overthrown, killed and buried so deep under American ballots that there will be no hope of a resurrection.

POLITICS.—The present so-called democracy is corrupt, and bending its knee to Wall street. We have no faith in either of the old parties, therefore, we pledge our full support to the Prohibition party, believing it to have the only solution that will bring prosperity and lasting peace to this nation.

SECRET SOCIETIES are anti-Christian, sacrilegious, and are built upon the principles of selfishness. We cannot recognize any who persist in belonging to them as Christians. Therefore we will not extend to them the right hand of fellowship until they forsake the lodge and give evidence of a renewed heart.

ROMANISM is doing its best to make America Catholic, and already it is wielding a mighty political influence. Eighty-five per cent of the appointments of the present administration have been given to members of the Roman church. Catholicism has intrenched itself in the government at Washington. Its power is felt in the various state legislatures. It has taken the Bible from the public school, controls the daily press, and is trying hard to put down free speech. Are we doing our best to fight this monster? While to a great extent Protestantism is asleep, Romanism is awake and continues her work of enslaving the political forces of America. It is time the American people were aroused to action to fight this political monster. We must vote right, vote intelligently, and never vote for any one who shows any affiliation to the Roman church.

THE DIVORCE PROBLEM is growing more serious every day. The Bible teaching on this subject is entirely ignored by the world and our courts are granting divorces for mere trifles, which is breaking down the sanctity of the marriage relation. Your committee advise that our preachers throughout the conference preach more against this evil, and refuse to officiate at the marriage of unscripturally divorced parties.

SABBATH DESECRATION is prevalent everywhere. The world is using this

day for one of sport. The strict observance of the Sabbath is binding on all Christians. Nothing should be done on the Lord's day that would violate its sanctity, such as buying and selling, blacking shoes, shaving and gathering vegetables. The greatest invasion on the Sabbath at the present time is the use of the automobile. Its use for pleasure riding on this holy day is one of the reasons why the work of the Lord languishes. We protest against its use on the Sabbath for any other purpose than the service of the Lord.

PRIDE is the tap-root of the dress question. We are opposed to the present custom of dress. The low waist and the short skirt are unchristian, unlady-like, and destructive to morals. As a church we believe in modest apparel. Our people should dress plain. Some folks profess to be free from pride and at the same time have manifestations of it in their wearing apparel, such as lace, extra ribbons and high-heeled and fancy colored shoes. As we are called to be a separate, peculiar people, let us be so in deed and in truth.

There is no sin that is doing so much harm in the Free Methodist church as EVIL SPEAKING. While we are free from tobacco, lodges, dancing, playing cards and many other worldly things (and this is commendable), let us clear ourselves of the awful stain of evil speaking. If we were to hold an inquest over some of our dead churches, we would find the cause of death had been "an over dose of gossip." Nine-tenths of the trouble in our church arises from evil speaking. When things occur in our church that would cause trouble, they would fail to materialize if back-biters did not exist. Evil speaking accomplishes nothing but injury to the one who engages in it. Who are the ones who are guilty of this sin but those who have little or no grace?

If some one falls under temptation or severe trial, the first ones to believe and report the news are those who under like circumstances would have fallen too. The great trouble is that most of us talk too much. It has been said, "Those who have few affairs to attend to are great speakers." The less men think the more they talk.

When Latimer was on trial for heresy, he heard the scratch of the pen behind the tapestry, and he bethought himself that every word he so uttered was taken down. Brethren, when the curtains of eternity are lifted, we will find that the recording angel has taken down every word we have spoken. Let us be careful of our conversation and guard each other's influence, remembering at all times the exhortation of the Apostle Paul, "Speak evil of no man."

IV.—ON MEMOIRS

REV. AUGUSTUS BRADFIELD was born in the State of New York, July, 1838, and passed to his eternal reward from his home at Decatur, Michigan, on the 2nd of March, 1917. At the age of twenty-one he was united in marriage to Miss Emeline Patterson, of Lockport, New York. Nine children were born into the home, six of whom with the mother are yet living. All of the family occupy positions of honor and trust. For twenty-seven years Brother Bradfield labored with much efficiency in the Michigan conference. In addition to his many pastorates, he served several years as chairman of districts at various times. He closed his active ministry in 1900 as traveling elder of the Kalamazoo district. He also acted as secretary of the conference at various times. The remaining sixteen years of Brother Bradfield's days he sustained the relation of superannuate in the conference. These days were mostly spent in his quiet home at Decatur, Michigan, where he made many friends and from which he was removed to his heavenly home.

REV. J. BAKER was born in Schroon, New York, in the year 1845, and passed to his heavenly home from Spring Arbor, Michigan, September 25, 1916. In the year 1868 he was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Jennings. Into this home were born five children, two of whom preceded the father to the spirit world, having died in early life. No greater joy could be to the deceased than to know that his beloved wife and three children were taking their place in the church, being in attendance at this conference in which he labored so faithfully and efficiently during the many years of his active ministry. Father

Baker possessed a personality that was more than ordinary. His integrity was of the most gigantic nature, his faith phenomenal in character. He spent nearly thirty-three years in the active ministry, during which time he had seen many saved and sanctified and brought into the church. During this time Brother Baker was instrumental in the erection of several churches, parsonages and new societies. He retained to the close of life a remarkable degree of earnestness for the great work of his life, the saving of souls. He closed his earthly ministry in glorious triumph. His last words were, "Amen! Precious Jesus."

"How blest the righteous when he dies,
When sinks a weary soul to rest.
How mildly beams the closing eye,
How quietly heaves the expiring breast."

WILLIAM MCKAY, a local elder in our conference, was born near Halifax, Nova Scotia, October 26, 1835, and passed to his heavenly home June 8, 1917, being in his 82nd year. In 1862 he was married to Sarah Jane Bale. In 1867 they were converted under the labors of the pioneer Free Methodist preachers. He labored for several years as a traveling preacher and a goodly number were converted under his labors. The last years of his life were spent in Spring Arbor, where he had the confidence of the entire community as a Christian. Servant of God, well done.

V.—ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS

We as a Free Methodist church believe in spiritual life, and a live church will have a flourishing Sunday-school. Where the superintendent and teachers come, their faces aglow with heavenly light, and enter into this work with a heart filled with enthusiasm and delight, it will be an encouragement to the pupil and a spiritual uplift to the school.

A Sunday-school is not a supplement to the church, it is its right arm. It is said that very few seek until they find the Pearl of Great Price who have not been trained in Christian religion. The children of our Sunday-schools are growing up, they will not always be girls and boys, and now is our time to win them for God and the church.

Our Sunday-school should not only be spiritual but educational. Parents realize the value of secular education and they should feel that a knowledge of the Bible is of equal importance. In these days when higher criticism, worldliness, infidelity and all kinds of "isms" abound, we should take care to see that our children are in a Sunday-school where pure doctrine is taught.

We would suggest that the librarians of our schools speak of the good books contained in our Sunday-school libraries and get the children interested in our literature. The Sunday-school is not alone for the young, but for all ages. Because we come to mature years and are sound in doctrine is no sign we should stay at home during Sunday-school. We should continue to study to show ourselves approved unto God, workmen that need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. Also it will encourage the children to see the older ones interested and the enrolment increased.

We recognize and appreciate the efforts that have been made to bring our schools to the standard, but let us double our diligence along this line. We would urge the formation of teacher training classes where possible. We would also urge that attention be given to the cradle roll and home department, which we regret have been largely neglected. Let Sunday-school institutes be held annually if possible. Every Sunday-school should purchase the Sunday-school Standard prepared in chart form, and make a determined effort to come up to that standard. The *Sunday-school Worker* should be in all our schools. We recommend that at least ten copies be taken by every school, and distributed among the teachers and officers, the small subscription price of one dollar being taken from the Sunday-school treasury.

If attention is given to these things we are sure our Sunday-schools will increase their efficiency.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

CHARGE	PREACHER										Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers and Evangelists	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars (Number Enrolled)	Members in Home Department	Names on Cradle Roll	Total Enrollment	General Conference (Assessed Claims)	Foreign Missions	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Educational Fund	Raised for Sunday School Expenses
Detroit District	G. H. Peters, D. E.	91	17	108	3	55	1	10	100
Detroit, First Church.....	B. J. Harbham.....	69	2	71	3	21	1	12	80	18	110	80 00	\$ 149 27	\$ 253 63	4 65	136 61										
Second Church.....	H. Montgomery.....	62	1	63	3	13	2	12	60	72	132	61 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ypsilanti, Wayne, Ann Arbor.....	E. N. Foulk.....	21	1	22	1	5	2	13	37	43	80	27 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Milkan, Oakville and East Church.....	S. A. Whitmore.....	41	...	41	...	18	...	13	30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Temperance, Ida and Whitford.....	W. E. Hosmer.....	22	...	22	...	13	...	13	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Acton and Blissfield.....	A. B. Northington, sup.....	22	...	22	...	13	...	13	70	83	45 00	102 00	90 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Petersburg, Towlme, etc.....	J. F. Wilkinson.....	66	...	66	...	13	...	13	70	83	45 00	102 00	90 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ashtabula and Blissfield.....	F. L. Sisson.....	63	13	76	5	21	1	11	107	118	78 00	102 00	90 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
W. H. Wilson, D. E.	William Horck, sup.....	16	1	17	...	5	1	5	53	60	15 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Spring Arbor District	D. H. Wilson, D. E.	111	8	119	6	30	1	22	180	20	233	116 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Spring Arbor and Eckford.....	W. M. Wells, supply.....	53	9	62	3	9	1	14	97	104	215	49 50	32 25	66 50	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Jackson.....	John Timbers.....	9	...	9	...	6	...	10	60	70	110	71 00	63 25	145 00	2 05	78 28										
Parma.....	Harry Anstead, sup.....	73	9	82	2	7	1	7	50	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Battle Creek.....	N. M. Cook.....	28	...	28	...	11	...	12	60	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sherwood.....	John Thompson, sup.....	55	7	62	3	9	1	7	50	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
South Quincy and Algonsee.....	W. D. Kingsley.....	30	7	37	3	11	...	12	60	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Coldwater and Bethel.....	B. F. Hitchcock.....	38	6	44	...	11	...	12	60	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hillside.....	A. K. Hamilton.....	35	6	41	...	11	...	12	60	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hudson.....	Andrew Benson.....	35	5	40	...	11	...	12	60	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Fort Wayne and Ransom.....	C. E. Post, supply.....	20	...	20	...	11	...	12	60	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Fort Wayne.....	R. L. Olmstead.....	53	10	63	1	18	2	16	125	13	14	60 00	41 00	75 35	1 50	28 81										
Freemont.....	To be supplied.....	3	...	3	...	1	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kalamazoo District	W. C. Muffitt, D. E.	82	11	93	4	17	1	17	135	142	105 00	135 48	215 70	65 05	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kalamazoo.....	F. P. Russell.....	30	...	30	...	6	...	8	45	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
South Haven.....	J. G. Fortress.....	30	...	30	...	6	...	8	45	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Coloma and Watervliet.....	W. J. Cowherd, sup.....	34	...	34	...	8	1	9	44	10	14	33 00	22 65	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bainbridge and Benton Harbor.....	W. A. Hennesey.....	15	2	17	...	4	1	4	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lawrence and Decatur.....	Leonard Lankins.....	10	...	10	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Vicksburg.....	A. O. Wilford, supply.....	22	4	26	1	6	1	6	28	34	24 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sturgis.....	To be supplied.....	17	...	17	...	8	...	15	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
South Bend.....	F. Miller.....	53	9	62	4	20	2	16	160	52	78	306	15 50	14 90	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mishawaka and River Park.....	E. S. Jennings.....	18	6	24	3	3	1	7	44	20	16	17 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Elkhart.....	Elmer Barber, supplies.....	36	2	38	...	10	3	17	40	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Columbia City, Lorraine, etc.....	W. F. Abbott.....	1275	137	1412	49	345	39	311	1884	135	303	2635	\$ 639 65	\$ 1737 95	\$ 46 08	\$ 1680 75										
Total.....		1275	137	1412	49	345	39	311	1884	135	303	2635	\$ 1295 89	\$ 1737 95	\$ 46 08	\$ 1680 75										

Michigan Conference

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE MICHIGAN CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

CHARGE	Raised in Sunday School for Foreign Missions	Raised for Children's Fund	Raised for General Conference S. S. Board	Raised for Annual Conference Sunday School Board	Raised in Sunday School for All Other Benevolences	Total Amount Raised in Sunday School	Conferences Missions	Pastors' Support	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Support	Evangelists' Support	Incidentals	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
Detroit District																
Detroit, First Church.....	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$86 07	\$202 68	\$	\$1341 15	\$	\$147 32	\$	\$1510 32	1	\$	1	\$5000
Detroit, Second Church.....					44 83	134 20	15 25	1105 00	300	120 52	52 46	2150 20	1	10000	1	4000
Ypsilanti, Wayne, Ann Arbor.....	15 00	1 50			10 50	91 50	11 75	819 86	180	224 47		427 00	2	5000	1	1500
Canton, Kirtles and Texas.....						5 85	6 25	419 36	60	45 88	8 70	22 00	1	3000	1	1200
Canton, Oakville and East Church.....						29 75	10 00	576 40	168	79 96		361 65	3	4000	1	1500
Warren, East Church.....	4 00	2 75				25 75	15 00	702 00	100	72 45	86 75	143 03	3	2500	1	1000
Petersburg, Tawline, etc.....						15 00	1 75	736 73	90	12 05		257 41	4	3500	1	1300
Adrian and Blissfield.....		2 00				112 94	10 50	954 62	144	108 10		257 41	4	1000	1	2000
Jasper and Seneca.....		12 00			2 00	26 68	3 75	259 58			18 97	56 77	1	1000	1	700
Spring Arbor District																
Spring Arbor and Eckford.....	36 48	5 47			21 14	159 24	29 00	687 18	96	141 07		599 03	1	200	1	1500
Jackson.....					19 31	124 20	12 50	332 30	200	64 42	2 00	334 46	1	3000	1	2500
Parma.....					5 00	102 14	15 75	30 95		18 78		793 52	1	300	1	3000
Battle Creek.....	18 86					34 62	11 36	634 02	96	57 69	10 00	120 00	1	800	1	3000
Sherrwood.....	1 90					54 78	11 75	644 96	108	83 62	5 80	372 13	1	1800	1	1750
Colvane and Bethel.....	7 36					22 01		53 30		43 58		411 15	1	2000	1	1300
Hillsdale.....	12 00		2 45		70 16	123 00	5 50	487 77	126	43 00	57 30	189 39	1	1000	1	1000
Hudson.....		3 06				33 17	7 50	536 36	72	57 31	11 00	138 00	1	2000	1	1000
Frontier and Ransom.....	1 30				23 00	185 65	14 75	700 00	200		108 50	600 00	1	12000	1	3000
Fort Wayne.....	6 61	1 73	7 71							49 08			1	200		
Freemont.....																
Kalamazoo District																
Kalamazoo.....		2 12				171 62	26 25	601 94	380	108 32	18 00	234 25	1	4500	1	3000
South Haven.....	5 00				2 50	53 60	7 50	515 50	170	54 50		116 50	1	1000	1	1000
Caledonia and Watervliet.....					4 80	24 74	8 25	227 18	160	39 10	5 00	233 85	2	2000	1	1000
Bathbridge and Benton Harbor.....						17 75		123 78	72	22 70		14 50	2	2000	1	1000
Lawrence and Decatur.....								13 85		18 15		128 00	2	2000	1	1000
Vicksburg.....						21 92	6 00	119 99		55 23			1	1500		
Sturgis.....																
South Bend.....						22 83	1 00	210 38	144	28 75		111 12	1	4000	1	1500
Mishawaka and River Park.....		1 50			10 00	169 87	14 50	671 62	180	63 95	75 47	1147 80	2	6000	1	2500
Elkhart.....	5 00	75				37 43	3 00	328 61	100	38 69		90 43	1	1000	1	1500
Columbia City, Loraine, etc.....						38 41	4 75	414 41	72	65 75		76 70	5	5000	2	1500
Total.....	\$114 26	\$21 38	\$3 45	\$279 40	\$288 86	\$2114 23	\$288 86	\$16469 17	\$3000	\$2222 20	\$ 614 93	\$10850 42	52	\$104350	30	\$20450

PLATTE RIVER CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Twenty-second Annual Session,
held near Venango, Nebraska, August 1-5,
1917

OFFICERS

L. GLENN LEWIS, *President*

C. H. Foe, *Secretary*

D. J. BRENNEMAN, *Assistant Secretary*

ANNA NORTHUP, *Statistical Secretary*

D. J. BRENNEMAN, *Treasurer*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—L. Glenn Lewis, K. Thomas, A. J. McKinney, C. H. Foe, A. C. Archer.

On Nomination of Committees—A. J. McKinney, K. Thomas, C. H. Foe, T. F. Forbes, W. A. Stevens.

On Sabbath-schools—K. Thomas, Iva Brenneman, Florence Robertson, Joseph Beetem.

On Publications—A. J. McKinney, J. W. McIrvin, Inez Foster, Nora Cohagan.

On Reforms—A. C. Archer, W. R. Todd, Sarah Bennett, Bulah Todd.

On Education—D. J. Brenneman, F. W. Drown, Leroy Garretson, W. A. Stevens.

On Charities—G. W. Tinker, Laura Tinker, Hazel Taylor, Fred Lawrence.

On Conference Missions—L. Glenn Lewis, K. Thomas, A. J. McKinney, T. F. Forbes, W. A. Stevens.

On State of the Work—The district elders.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.

To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—C. H. Sawyer.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—F. A. Davis, Arlie Clark.

To Nominate Trustees for Central Academy and College—D. J. Brenneman, K. Thomas, T. F. Forbes, W. A. Stevens.

On Complimentary Resolutions—A. J. McKinney.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

K. Thomas, president; C. H. Foe, secretary; D. J. Brenneman, treasurer; A. A. Peterson, T. F. Forbes.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

D. J. Brenneman, five years; A. J. McKinney, four years; C. H. Foe, three years, secretary; K. Thomas, two years, president; J. W. McIrvin, one year.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

C. H. Foe, president; A. C. Archer, secretary; K. Thomas; T. F. Forbes, treasurer; W. A. Stevens.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL BOARD

J. W. McIrvin, president; Florence Robertson, secretary; T. F. Forbes, treasurer.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Conference Missions (28 cents), General Missions (15 cents), Foreign Missions; second quarter, Church Extension (10 cents), Bishops' Salaries (18 cents), Treasurer's Expenses (2 cents); third quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund (50 cents), Educational Fund; fourth quarter,

Annual Conference Sinking Fund (15 cents), General Conference Entertainment Fund (2 cents), General Conference Delegates' Expenses (5 cents), Permanent Fund (5 cents).

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

President, Mrs. Lucy McKinney, Cambridge, Nebraska; first vice-president, Mrs. Anna Northup, Ansley, Nebraska; second vice-president, Mrs. Sarah Drown, Polk, Nebraska; third vice-president, Mrs. Laura Tinker, Summit, Nebraska; secretary, Miss Lorena Reck, Sargent, Nebraska; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Florence Archer, Rollwitz, Nebraska; treasurer, Mrs. Etta Johnston, Edison, Nebraska; superintendent of young people's and Junior societies, Miss Bulah Todd, Lewellen, Nebraska.

ADDRESSES

A. Stedwell, Shambaugh, Iowa; G. W. Woogerd, Orleans, Nebraska; A. Dowd, Omaha, Nebraska; F. E. Eaton, 705 South street, McPherson, Kansas; C. H. Sawyer, Lewellen, Nebraska.

CONFERENCE TREASURER

D. J. Brenneman, Edison, Nebraska.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

K. Thomas,	F. E. Eaton,	C. H. Sawyer,
A. J. McKinney,	A. Stedwell,	G. W. Johnston,
D. J. Brenneman,	G. W. Tinker,	David Reck,
C. H. Foe,	A. Dowd,	J. W. McIrvin,
F. A. Davis,	A. C. Archer,	W. R. Todd,
G. W. Woogerd,	M. V. Hawk,	F. W. Drown,
Anna Northup.		

DELEGATES

Elizabeth Gates,	Iva Brenneman,	Joseph Beetem,
Leroy Garretson,	Nora Cohagan,	W. A. Stevens,
Fred Lawrence,	Bulah Todd,	Sarah Bennett,
Laura K. Tinker,	Florence Robertson,	Arlie Clark,
Hazel Taylor,	T. F. Forbes,	C. V. McRae.

2. Who are the stationing committee? L. Glenn Lewis, K. Thomas, A. J. McKinney, C. H. Foe, T. F. Forbes, Elizabeth Gates, W. A. Stevens.
3. Who are admitted on trial? D. A. Cohagan.
4. Who remain on trial? M. A. Richard, A. T. Edwards, C. R. Volgamore, A. A. Chambers, E. E. Smith.
5. Who are admitted into full connection? Mrs. Anna Northup.
6. Who are the deacons? M. V. Hawk, F. W. Drown, Anna Northup; local deacons, A. F. Smith, A. Hodson, Edward Sams, G. E. Bennett.
7. Who have been ordained elders this year? None.
8. Who have located this year? None.
9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? M. V. Hawk, G. W. Johnston.
10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? A. Dowd, G. W. Woogerd, without claim; A. Stedwell, F. E. Eaton, C. H. Sawyer, full claims.
11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? None.
12. Who have withdrawn from the conference? None.
13. Who have been given certificates of standing with a view to transfer to another conference? None.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was examined and passed.

15. Who have died this year? None.

16-20. See statistical report.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers? C. H. Sawyer, \$150; A. Stedwell, \$150; F. E. Eaton, \$150.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? Within the bounds of the Orleans district, as near the second Wednesday in August as will suit the convenience of the bishops.

APPOINTMENTS

ORLEANS DISTRICT—K. THOMAS, District Elder

Orleans.....Florence Nees, supply
Alma.....William Harvey, supply, Orleans, Nebraska
Edison and Oxford.....D. J. Brenneman, Edison, "
Precept, Beaver City, Wilsonville and Lebanon.....M. A. Richard
Cambridge and Earl.....A. J. McKinney, Cambridge, Nebraska
Bartley and Wesley Chapel.....To be supplied
Bladen and Cowles.....E. M. Letner, supply, Bladen, Nebraska
Minden and Kearney.....Christina Capellen, supply, Kearney, "
Holbrook.....A. A. Chambers, Eustice, "
Giltner.....To be supplied

G. W. Johnston, supernumerary; G. W. Woogerd, A. Dowd, superannuated without claim; A. Stedwell, superannuated with full claim.

CENTRAL CITY DISTRICT—C. H. FOE, District Elder

Central City and Palmer.....J. H. Anderson, supply, Central City, Nebraska
Polk and Hordville.....F. W. Drown, Polk, "
Albion and Belgrade.....A. D. Cohagan, Albion, "
Cotesfield and Horace.....E. E. Smith, Cotesfield, "
Ericson.....J. F. Hindman, Palmer, "
Grand Island and Wood River.....To be supplied

F. E. Eaton, superannuated with full claim, 705 South Chestnut street, McPherson, Kansas.

ANSLEY DISTRICT—C. H. FOE, District Elder

Ansley, Mason and Broken Bow.....Mrs. Anna Northup, Ansley, Nebraska
Sargent, Walworth and Milburn.....David Reck, Sargent, "
Clear Creek and Ravenna.....Sarah Bennett, supply, Arcadia, "

M. V. Hawk, supernumerary, Ansley, Nebraska; C. H. Foe, member of Ansley district quarterly conference, Arcadia, Nebraska, R. R. No. 3.

NORTH PLATTE DISTRICT—A. C. ARCHER, District Elder

North Platte.....To be supplied
Stapleton and Whittier.....F. A. Davis, Stapleton, Nebraska
Tryon, Dunwell and Chandler.....
.....W. H. and Lula Lee, supplies, Chandler, "

G. W. Tinker, evangelist; C. H. Sawyer, superannuated with full claim.

LEWELLEN DISTRICT—A. C. ARCHER, District Elder

Lewellen and Hillsdale.....W. R. Todd, Lewellen, Nebraska
Garden and Rackett.....G. N. Thomas, supply
Bayard, Redington and Muir Schoolhouse.....
.....Nettie Robertson, supply, Redington, Nebraska

VENANGO DISTRICT—A. C. ARCHER, District Elder

Venango, Chase and Rollwitz.....C. N. Volgamore, Hayes Center, Nebraska
 Haxton and Paoli, Colo.....Frank McGraw, supply, Haxton, Colorado
 Curtis and Wellfleet.....Peter Jensen, supply, Bayard, Nebraska
 Somerset, Hayes Center and Rain.....J. W. McIrvin, Somerset, "

A. C. Archer, member of Venango district quarterly conference, Haigler, Nebraska.

LOCAL PREACHERS

*J. W. Thomas....Alliance, Nebraska	†H. R. Lucore, Grand Island, Nebraska
†Edward Sams....Cambridge, "	"
†A. Hodson .....Ericson, "	J. H. Anderson, Central City, Nebraska
A. G. Gage....Wood River, "	"
Loren Purdy...North Platte, "	T. F. Forbes.....Lux, Nebraska
G. E. Bennett....Arcadia, "	Wilbur Hastings.....Albion, "

EVANGELISTS

Mrs. Sarah Bennett, Arcadia, Nebraska	Mrs. Etta Johnston..Edison, Nebraska
Mrs. Keziah Morrows, Horace, Nebraska	Mrs. Sarah Drown....Polk, "
Mrs. Lydia Coen...Sargent, Nebraska	Mrs. Oello Sawyer, Lewellen, Nebraska
Mrs. Nettie Robertson, Redington, Nebraska	Mrs. Eliza Raish...Sargent, Nebraska
Miss Minerva Bussell, Kearney, Nebraska	Mrs. Florence Archer, Rollwitz, Nebraska
Miss Olive Foe....Cowles, Nebraska	Miss Florence McNees, Orleans, Nebraska

MISCELLANEOUS

The twenty-second annual session of the conference was held in connection with a camp meeting, eleven miles south of Venango, Nebraska, August 1-5, 1917. Bishop Jones being unable to hold the conference, he appointed Rev. L. Glenn Lewis, of McPherson, Kansas, who presided with general acceptability. There were five very harmonious sittings of the conference. Sister Lewis' presence and her assistance in the missionary and children's meetings were highly appreciated by all. We were glad to become acquainted with Rev. B. H. Edwards, of the Oil City conference, and his visit among us was a benediction to many. Rev. S. V. Coe, of Kansas City, was with us again, representing his work in the Life Line Mission and making friends among the children.

Brother Lewis received over \$500 in cash and subscriptions for the Central Academy and College. There was over \$1,000 raised for all purposes during the meeting, and the conference as a whole was good, with seekers at nearly every altar call. A number were saved and sanctified.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON STATE OF THE WORK

A survey of the field for the year reveals some progress and we have cause to be thankful to God, to whom belongs the credit for what has been accomplished. Some good revivals have been held with good results. The church has been quickened and souls saved. We have a band of self-sacri-

*Local elder. †Local deacon.

ficing preachers who are not afraid of hard work and sacrifice. They are nevertheless much hindered in their labors by lack of sufficient support, and hence there has not been as much accomplished as might have been. Secular employment detracts from a minister's vitality, and thus cripples his efficiency. A more generous and adequate support would marvelously increase ministerial results in the Platte River conference.

We also observe what we fear is a lack of aggressiveness on the part of the ministry as a whole. We have not the work "greatly at heart," as saith the Discipline. We should be aware lest the concerns of temporal necessities choke and cripple us. We observe also that the ownership of automobiles not only tempts the laity to run away from many regular services, but our pastors who have them are often found absent from their respective fields, visiting old friends and relatives to the neglect and injury of the circuits. Brethren, these things ought not so to be. If we must take trips, or think we do, let us return before the Sabbath, lest the people conclude, "As for this Moses we wot not what is become of him," and make to themselves golden calves to worship them.

If our pastors do not receive sufficient support in the necessities of life, we cannot censure them for engaging moderately in some line of business.

II.—ON EDUCATION

That mental training is indispensable in these days is a fact undisputed by intelligent people. Nearly everything that can be done has been done and is being done to bring a liberal education within the reach of all.

Formerly the world was ruled by physical power, brute force, if you please; but mental attainment as a ruling force has largely supplanted the original idea of physical excellence, till practically all peoples have come to acknowledge its superiority over that of physical strength.

The church, however, is not satisfied with the idea that mental strength is sufficient. It believes that the moral and spiritual forces of man are far superior to mental and physical strength, however necessary it acknowledges these two to be. While we consider the spiritual force of man superior to the mental and the mental superior to the physical, yet the three must be developed together if man would be his very best and most useful in this world and in the world which is to come.

The public schools pay special attention to physical and mental training, but absolutely neglect the soul. They feed the body, they feed the mind, but starve the soul. It is not sufficient to say that they neglect the soul; if this were all, it might be remedied, but sad to say they put forth every effort to keep all soul food from the school-room, and encourage the reading of cheap, trash novels, and are now even in the small towns teaching dancing, encouraging attendance at picture shows, refusing to allow the Bible to be read or prayer to be offered in the school-room. Brethren, is it not time to open our eyes and look about us? "Awake thou that sleepest and arise from the dead and Christ shall give thee light." We want to say right here that our church schools are the only schools that meet the needs of these times and whenever you fight our schools you are fighting our church, you are fighting against the salvation of your own children and preparing them for the world and the devil. But you say our schools allow things not becoming to Free Methodists. Are our lives so perfect that our influences are always the best over our children? Does nothing ever enter the home which has a tendency to discourage our children? Does not occasionally something enter our church services which is very unbecoming and tends to drive our children from us? Let us be real sure that our own lives, our homes, our Sunday-schools and prayer meetings are perfect before we make too much of pointing out the little imperfections and unwholesome features of our schools.

We as a committee most heartily recommend that we as a conference take more interest in Central Academy and College, that we feel our share of responsibility for her welfare, support her by our patronage, our means and by our prayers.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE PLATTE RIVER CONFERENCE

ORLEANS, CAMBRIDGE AND CENTRAL CITY DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers and Evangelists	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars (Number Enrolled)	Members in Home Department	Names on Cradle Roll	Total Enrollment	General Conference (Assessed) (Claims) Total Only	Foreign Missions	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Educational Fund	Raised for Sunday School Expenses
Orleans District																	
A. J. McKinney, D. E.																	
Orleans Circuit	George W. Johnston	22	22	22	1	12	1	9	25			34	\$ 29 40	\$ 8 00	\$ 33 58	\$ 20 00	
Alma and Woodruff	William Harvey	5	5	5									6 30		4 25		
Edison	D. J. Brennenman	27	27	27		9	1	6	30			36	28 35		4 25		20 00
Oxford																	
Beaver City and Precept	M. A. Richard	12	12	12		7							11 55				
Bladen and Cowles	E. M. Letner	4	4	4									5 25				
Giltner																	
Kearney and Minden	Christina Cappellan, supply	3	3	3	1	2							6 30				
Cambridge District																	
A. J. McKinney, D. E.																	
Cambridge and Earl	J. W. McIrvin	20	20	20	3	6	1	6	25			31	19 95		2 00		19 25
Bartley and Wesley Chapel	Festus Mousley												4 20				
Curtis	A. A. Chambers	4	4	4		1							4 20				
Wilsonville and Lebanon	Atwell Smith	8	8	8									8 40				
Central City District																	
C. H. Foe, D. E.																	
Central City Circuit	F. A. Davis	8	8	8	2	7	1	3	8			11	9 45				10 00
Folk and Horrell	F. W. Brown	19	19	19	2	8		6	40			46	18 90				38 14
Edmond and Hayward	Anna Northup	13	13	13	2	4	1	6	20		5	31	24 15	9 00			34 66
Cornfield and Horace	Earl Smith	14	14	14	3	6	2	8	27			35	14 70				15 00
Brickson	J. F. Hindman	7	7	7		3	1	5	20			25	12 60		10 00		8 00

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ANSLEY, NORTH PLATTE, LEWELLEN AND VENANGO DISTRICTS

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CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers and Evangelists	Copies of "Free Methodist"	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars (Number Enrolled)	Members in Home Department	Names on Cradle Roll	Total Enrollment	General Conference (Assessed Claims)	Foreign Missions	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Educational Fund	Raised for Sunday School Expenses
Ansley District																	
Ansley, Mason and Broken Bow	C. H. Foe, D. E.	15	1	16	...	...	...	7	...	...	...	...	21 00	...	...	17 55	...
Anselmo and Milburn	W. R. Todd	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7 35	...	...	...	...
Sargent and Walworth	C. H. Foe, D. E.	25	3	28	...	...	...	7	30	...	...	37	18 90	...	...	17 75	50 14
Clear Creek and Ravenna	David Reck	8	...	8	...	...	...	1	30	...	...	49	9 45	...	...	...	35 00
	Sarah Bennett, supply	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
North Platte District																	
North Platte Circuit	K. Thomas, D. E.	9	...	9	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	9 45	...	...	...	...
Stapleton and Whittier	L. Pundy, supply	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mayflower and Arthur	William Lee, Lulu	8	1	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5 25	...	...	...	...
Tryon and Dunwell	C. O. Mendenhall	2	...	2	...	...	...	1	12	...	...	19	3 15	...	...	...	2 50
	G. W. Tinker, Laura	10	...	10	5	3	1	7	30	...	...	37	6 30	...	...	...	7 50
	Tinker, supply	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lewellen District																	
Lewellen and Hillsdale	K. Thomas, D. E.	12	...	12	1	4	1	6	35	...	...	41	12 60	20 00	...	...	21 82
Garden and Racket	C. H. Sawyer	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2 10	...	...	...	...
Bridgeport and Bayard	George Thomas, sup.	9	2	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6 30	...	...	...	14 85
Redington and Mulr Schoolhouse	Peter Jensen	5	...	5	1	1	1	4	16	18	40	81	4 20	...	...	...	15 00
	K. Thomas	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Venango District																	
Venango and Chase	K. Thomas, D. E.	17	2	19	1	3	2	11	43	...	...	54	13 65	...	...	...	15 55
Rollwitz and Hagler	Frank McGraw, sup.	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	8 40	...	...	...	...
Paxton and Paoli	K. Thomas	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2 10	...	...	...	...
Hayes Center and Wellfleet	C. R. Volganore	12	6	18	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12 60	...	...	...	...
Total		314	23	337	31	112	19	111	410	24	62	607	\$ 346 50	\$ 37 00	\$ 125 98	\$ 6 78	\$ 297 31

Platte River Conference

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE PLATTE RIVER CONFERENCE—CONTINUED
ORLEANS, CAMBRIDGE AND CENTRAL CITY DISTRICTS

CHARGE	Raised in Sunday School for Foreign Missions	Raised for Chil- dren's Fund	Raised for Gen- eral Conference S. S. Board	Raised for Annual Conference Sunday School Board	Raised in Sunday School for All Other Benevolences	Total Amount Raised in Sunday School	Conference Missions	Pastors' Support	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Support	Evangelists' Support	Incidentals	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parson- age Property
Orleans District																
Orleans Circuit	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 8 00	\$ 28 00	\$	\$ 163 00	\$	\$ 66 44	\$	\$ 25 00	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
Alma and Woodruff	433 81	. . . . .	11 50	8 00	80 00	1	500	1	800
Edison	4 00	. . . . .	. . . . .	4 00	28 00	7 56	433 91	60	30 00	. . . . .	300 00	1	1000	1	800
Exford	76 00	. . . . .	11 00	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
Beaver City and Precept	76 81	. . . . .	33 00	. . . . .	18 25	1	800	. . . . .	. . . . .
Beaver and Cowles	27 20	. . . . .	4 00	1	700	1	200
Giltner	28 25	. . . . .	4 25	1	800	. . . . .	. . . . .
Kearney and Minden
Cambridge District																
Cambridge and Earl	4 23	. . . . .	. . . . .	7 00	30 48	5 04	365 00	96	66 04	18 50	4 25	2	3000	1	1000
Bartley and Wesley Chapel	20 00	. . . . .	4 00	. . . . .	. . . . .	1	800	. . . . .	. . . . .
Curtis	58 50	. . . . .	26 00	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
Wilsonville and Lebanon	24 80	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	1	700
Central City District																
Central City Circuit	3 05	3 00	. . . . .	. . . . .	13 00	2 52	100 00	144	29 75	42 65	. . . . .	1	3000	1	2000
Polk and Hordville	41 19	5 04	416 04	126	71 33	. . . . .	49 45	1	1500	1	1000
Athlon and Belgrade	36 00	6 44	217 43	100	42 00	104 72	561 58	1	2500	2	2000
Cottesfield and Horace	72	3 00	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	19 90	3 92	433 05	28	56 77	15 00	52 00	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
Erickson	3 00	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	11 00	2 52	157 34	. . . . .	39 86	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE PLATTE RIVER CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

ANSLEY, NORTH PLATTE, LEWELLEN AND VENANGO DISTRICTS

CHARGE	Raised in Sunday School for Foreign Missions	Raised for Children's Fund	Raised for General Conference	Raised for Annual S. S. Board	Raised for Sunday Conference School Board	Raised in Sunday School for All Other Benevolences	Total Amount Raised in Sunday School	Conference Missions	Pastors' Support	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Support	Evan-gelists' Support	Incidentals	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parson- age Property
Ansley District																	
Ansley, Mason and Broken Bow								3 64	273 26	120	34 00	67 71	32 27			1	1500
Anselmo and Milburn							25 67		300 40		5 00						
Sargent and Waiworth	5 53						35 00		100 00	120	49 85	15 00	90 00	1	1500	1	1000
Clear Creek and Kavenna											20 00			1	800		
North Platte District																	
North Platte Circuit								2 53			31 95		435 32			1	700
Stapleton and Whittier							2 50	84	55 67		25 00	6 35			1200	1	1000
Mayflower and Arthur							7 50		2 00		7 69						
Tryon and Dunwell											6 85						
Lewellen District																	
Lewellen and Hillsdale							21 82	3 86	104 19		33 46		5 34				
Garden and Racket							16 35	1 12			8 45						
Bridgeport and Bayard							1 50				15 95						
Redding and Muir Schoolhouse	6 50				1 30		22 80		41 50		30 00						
Venango District																	
Venango and Chase	1 21						16 76		20 00		37 85						
Rollwitz and Haigler									16 75		27 40						
Faxton and Paoli											9 46						
Hayes Center and Wellfleet								2 38	84 00	56	29 45						
												51 00					
Total	\$ 18 86	\$15 00	\$3 00	\$ 1 30	\$ 1 30	\$20 50	\$ 355 97	\$ 48 28	\$ 3438 85	\$ 844	\$ 999 17	\$ 328 98	\$1653 46	15	\$ 18100	13	\$14500

SASKATCHEWAN CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Fourth Annual Session, held at
Estevan, Saskatchewan, July 11-15, 1917

OFFICERS

A. D. ZAHNISER, *President*

FRED F. PRIOR, *Secretary* R. E. SLINGERLAND, *Assistant Secretary*
R. E. SLINGERLAND, *Railway Secretary* R. H. HAMILTON, *Treasurer*
LOTTA BABCOCK, *Sunday-school Secretary*

COMMITTEES

On Nominations—F. M. Wees, R. H. Hamilton, J. A. Fletcher, Elmaron Snider, Eliza Free.
On Public Worship—A. D. Zahniser, F. M. Wees, Lotta Babcock.
On Publications—F. F. Prior, D. Kirk, H. Breeze.
On Education—J. A. Fletcher, C. B. Garratt, Jennie Elsom.
On Reforms—C. B. Garratt, R. Stephenson, J. Bustard.
On Sunday-schools—T. L. Fletcher, Eliza Free, A. Gillett.
On Charities—Alma Dies, Elizabeth Prior, Johanna Thompson.
On State of the Work—The district elders and Elmaron Snider.
On Collecting Funds to Publish the Minutes—C. B. Garratt.
On Complimentary Resolutions—F. F. Prior.
On Examining Quarterly Conference Records—J. A. Fletcher.
On Finance—R. H. Hamilton, F. F. Prior, T. Flake, A. W. Tanner.
On Locating Next Session of Conference—F. M. Wees, R. H. Hamilton, J. A. Fletcher, D. Kirk.
Auditor—H. Breeze.
To Publish the Minutes—The secretaries.

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Publications—F. D. Bradley, *On Reforms*—J. A. Fletcher,
On Sunday-schools—Lotta Babcock, *On Charities*—C. B. Garratt,
On Education—F. F. Prior, *On Finance*—F. M. Wees,
On State of the Work—F. M. Wees, J. A. Fletcher.

BOARD OF CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS AND CLAIMS

A. D. Zahniser, president; F. M. Wees, secretary; J. A. Fletcher, Elmaron Snider, R. Stephenson.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

F. F. Prior, president; R. H. Hamilton, secretary; F. M. Wees, G. A. Prior, D. Kirk.

BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS AND EVANGELISM

F. M. Wees, president; R. H. Hamilton, secretary; W. H. Brown.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

F. M. Wees, president; R. H. Hamilton, secretary; F. F. Prior, Elmaron Snider, W. H. Brown.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

R. H. Hamilton, president, 1918; F. M. Wees, secretary, 1919; F. F. Prior, 1920.

TITHERS' LEAGUE

F. F. Prior, president; R. E. Slingerland, secretary.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

President, Mrs. Josie R. Wees, Weyburn, Saskatchewan; first vice-president, Miss Lotta Babcock, Estevan, Saskatchewan; recording secretary, Miss Ethel Fletcher, 840 Fourth avenue, N. W., Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan; corresponding secretary, Mrs. L. C. Slingerland, Estevan, Saskatchewan; treasurer, Mrs. Jennie Hamilton, Weyburn, Saskatchewan; superintendent of Junior work, Miss Ethel Fletcher, 840 Fourth avenue, N. W., Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

Conference Claimants, General Missions, Bishops' Salaries, Conference Missions (25 cents), Church Extension (10 cents), Permanent Fund (5 cents), the entire amount to be raised during the first and second quarters.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

F. M. Wees,
F. F. Prior,
J. A. Fletcher,
Lotta Babcock,

E. Steer,
T. L. Fletcher,
F. D. Bradley,
Alma Dies,

R. H. Hamilton,
W. A. Miller,
J. E. Ayre,
C. B. Garratt.

DELEGATES

Herbert Breeze,
Johanna Thompson,
Elmaron Snider,
Thomas Flake,

A. W. Tanner,
David Kirk,
Jennie Elsom,
Albert Long.

Elizabeth Prior,
Albert Gillett,
Eliza Free,

2. Who are the stationing committee? A. D. Zahniser, F. M. Wees, J. A. Fletcher, David Kirk, Eliza Free.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? John R. Elsom.

4. Who remain on trial? R. E. Slingerland.

5, 7, 8, 11, 12, 15, 22, 23. No business.

6. Who are the deacons? F. D. Bradley, J. E. Ayre, C. B. Garratt.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? W. A. Miller, J. E. Ayre.

10. Who are the superannuated preachers? E. Steer.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? H. A. Hurlburt.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.

16-20. See statistics.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers? \$150 for E. Steer.

24. See appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next session be held? In connection with the camp meeting of the Southern district during the first two weeks of July, 1918.

MISCELLANEOUS

The fourth annual session of the Saskatchewan conference was held in connection with the conference camp meeting at Estevan. The absence of Bishop Jones was a source of real regret to the conference, though the ministrations of Rev. A. D. Zahniser, who presided by his appointment, were most acceptable. The session was one of the most harmonious and spiritual yet held. The business was quickly and pleasantly dispatched. A strong effort

along home mission lines was undertaken, a conference evangelist being appointed and a number of workers placed on home mission fields. A blessed spirit of fellowship and consecration pervaded the entire session.

APPOINTMENTS

SOUTHERN DISTRICT—F. M. WEES, District Elder, Weyburn, Saskatchewan

Moose Jaw. T. L. Fletcher, 840 Fourth avenue, N. W., Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan
 Westview.....C. B. Garratt, Westview, "
 Weyburn and Riverview.....R. H. Hamilton, Weyburn, "
 Estevan and Mizpah.....R. E. Slingerland, Estevan, "
 Mount Green.....Emerald Walls, supply, Mount Green, "
 Roseview, Rockland and Rich Prairie..F. D. Bradley, Roseview, "
 Blackheath and Olmstead.....Alma Dies, supply, Froude, "
 Indian Head.....To be supplied
 Expanse.....G. A. Prior, supply, Mossbank, Saskatchewan

Lotta Babcock and Edith Abbott, conference evangelists; E. Steer, superannuated; W. A. Miller, supernumerary; H. A. Hurlburt, given a certificate of standing with a view to transfer to North Dakota conference; F. M. Wees, member of Southern district quarterly conference.

WESTERN DISTRICT—F. M. WEES, District Elder

St. Boswells and Grismerville....Fred F. Prior, St. Boswells, Saskatchewan
 Banff and Jack Creek.....John R. Elsom, Hazenmore, "
 Pilot and Georgeina.....
W. E. Hunt, Nellie Hunt, supplies, Shaunavon, "
 Canuck.....Arthur Buffum, supply, Canuck, "

NORTHERN DISTRICT—J. A. FLETCHER, District Elder, Durban, Manitoba

Durban, Benito and Davidson.....
J. A. Fletcher, E. H. Fletcher, supply, Durban, Manitoba
 Stenen and Sturgis.....Eliza Free, supply, Stenen, Saskatchewan
 Hyas and Danberry.....To be supplied
 Salopian and Spruce Falls..John Featherstone, supply, Tisdale, Saskatchewan
 Shellbrook and Shell Lake..Harry Brown, supply, Shell Lake, "
 Dauphin, Grand View and Bield.....To be supplied

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON REFORMS

While it is necessary to distinguish between the main business of the church, which is to carry the gospel to all people, and the mere work of reforms without grace, we believe it to be a part of the work of the true church to conceive and maintain reform measures for the elimination of social evils.

Among the many subjects to be considered under the head of reforms, the restoration of the Sabbath to the place of reverent devotion of which it is worthy seems paramount. We float our national colors above schools, court-houses and all public institutions as a national emblem prompting to constant loyalty, "but if the foundations be destroyed what can the righteous do?" (Psalm 11:3), and if we allow this sacred memorial day, the Christian Sabbath, to be trampled under foot shall we not bring upon us and ours the displeasure of God? Is it not time to cry aloud and spare not when we see this day of rest and worship profaned in a wholesale way, not only by the licentious and profane, but by many professors of the holy religion of the

Bible, who turn it into a day of pleasure, visiting and worldly gossip? Let all who love the Lord hate this evil, and set a wholesome example by avoiding all unnecessary intercourse with the world and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honorable; "Then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord, and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob, thy Father, for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it" (Isa. 58:13, 14).

SOCIAL EXTRAVAGANCE.—The accumulation of unconsecrated wealth is always a menace both to the unfortunate possessors and also to others. Luxurious living tends to unguardedness and intemperance and undermines strength of body, mind and soul. One of the sins prominent in the antediluvian age was that they were eating and drinking until the day that Noah entered into the ark (Matt. 24:38), and our Savior adds in the same breath (verse 39), "and knew not until the flood came and took them all away."

The socialistic proposition of equal distribution we believe to be as far from the mark as treasure laid up by capitalists, but consecration to God is safe ground. The state of unrest in the world to-day is no doubt due in part to injustice and wholesale schemes of oppression for the advantage of the rich who like the people of another age sit down to eat and drink and rise up to play (Exod. 32:6). Everywhere places of amusement and feasting must be provided for an intemperate, careless, prayerless, pleasure-loving people, while many sick and destitute are neglected. We are sure it is in harmony with the spirit of the gospel that all who profess to love Jesus should exercise strict vigilance, avoiding all needless self-indulgence.

SOCIAL PURITY.—The Bible is our text-book on this as well as on all other moral questions. In Proverbs 13:20 we read, "He that walketh with wise men shall be wise, but a companion of fools shall be destroyed," and again we are told in 1 Cor. 15:33 that evil communications corrupt good manners. The tendency of modern fashion and custom is simply to prepare the way for the advance of gross immorality, all scant clothing of the female sex exposing to and inviting lust. All unseemly, filthy suggestions in conversation are simply the expressions of studied effort to break down the morals of the race. Let the ladies of our societies exert themselves to turn back the tide of heathenish fashions, and offer firm resistance to all offers of association with all unchaste persons, however genial and attractive they may otherwise be, and let all persons of both sexes dare to stand alone if need be as examples of purity against the tide of questionable entertainments which appeal to lust and passion.

PARENTAL AUTHORITY.—Of Abraham the Lord said, "I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment; that the Lord may bring upon Abraham that which He hath spoken of him."

Good parental government would go a long way toward solving the problems of the rising generation, would lay the foundation for a sound, safe civilization, but what a sad comment on the words of the Apostle Paul in 2 Tim. 3:2 are the conditions existing in many homes of to-day, even among so-called Christians. Indeed some parents who are members of the Free Methodist church are lax in administering discipline, with the result that home cares are increased, the children and young people have little, if any, respect for the church and spiritual religion and stand in great danger of losing their souls. The Roman Catholics and some others set us an example in their ability to impress the minds of the children religiously. Oh, brethren and sisters, let us rise up in the name of the Lord, and claim the grace we need to rule with diligence, and command the favor and respect of our households and the blessing of the Lord.

EVIL SPEAKING.—Evil speaking is the result of evil thinking, and according to our Savior's words in Matt. 12:35 comes from an evil heart. He also adds that men shall give account of every idle word in the day of judgment and by our words be justified or condemned. Yet how prevalent is this baleful habit among all classes, the rich, the poor, the learned and the unlearned. The

whole world seems to be in the combine against the Lord, whose word and spirit can purify the fountain which was wont to send forth the bitter waters of strife, of talebearing, whispering, backbiting and cause the good man to bring forth from the good treasure of his heart words of grace seasoned with salt that may minister grace to the hearer. Let the church of Jesus Christ distinguish herself by hearing and practising the words of her divine leader found in Matt. 15:18, "If thy brother trespass against thee [or if we know him to be guilty of committing sin] go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone," and in the majority of cases the fire that is so apt to result in a great flame and set on fire congregations and communities and work untold havoc to the cause of truth and righteousness will be extinguished and the erring brother shall be restored.

II.—ON STATE OF THE WORK

As we survey the condition of the work at the close of another year we feel a spirit of devout thankfulness to God for His presence with His people. While the fruit received and the enlargement given has not been as desired, the fault has been on the human side and not on the divine. The spirit of holiness is still blessedly alive and prominent among us and the object of preachers and people as a whole is the propagation of this precious truth.

Numerically there has been some increase on some of the circuits. There is scarcely a society that has not felt the effects of the terrible war in the loss of members or adherents. Numbers of young men accustomed to attending our services and who bid fair to become converted and active church members obeyed the call of their country. "Some have fallen on the field of battle and others are in France or on the way.

The ministers are self-denying, humble and aggressive and act as though they had but one business, the salvation of souls. We are pleased with the uncompromising attitude of the laity. We believe with but few exceptions they love the Discipline of the church and seek to emulate its teaching.

There are opportunities for enlargement. Calls have come from different sources for help by way of special meetings. We have had very little time to devote to extra work, our time being nearly fully occupied with quarterly meetings. If an aggressive evangelist were available we have ample field for such activity. These distant calls could be filled by such a person. We would say by way of criticism there is a great need for a general revival in our midst. It is the apostolic method of enlargement and growth. Without such movements among us, death will ensue, notwithstanding our belief in the religion of our fathers.

Shall there not be more earnest prayer and burden of soul that God may pour out His Spirit more generally among us? Let there be days of heart-searching for the cause of decline where it exists, and then a deeper consecration of talent, time, energy and money that this glorious cause of salvation may triumph in our midst.

We fear that abundance of worldly store, unless it is kept consecrated, will produce death in the soul. One antidote against this effect is the tithing system. We would recommend that it be adopted generally by our people throughout the conference. A larger spirit of liberality would not only provide ample means for the promotion of the work, but is absolutely necessary as a protection against the spirit of covetousness and selfishness. There is a laxity in some places of seeking and obtaining the experience of holiness. We are raised up to scatter Scriptural holiness over the land. To do this it must first be experienced. Let us stand forth before the world, giving strong, convincing evidence to the power of the Holy Spirit to purify from all sin.

III.—ON EDUCATION

It is needless to say we believe in education. Efficiency is the watchword of our age. A proper education increases one's efficiency, influence, usefulness

and capacity. We note that everywhere men are sought who are capable and efficient. The prime object of education is to change the ignorant and untrained mind into an intellect capable of intelligently facing new problems, mastering difficulties, discovering new methods, laws and principles, thus adding progress to this age of development.

Since man is a complex being, no education is complete that does not embrace and embody the physical, mental and spiritual nature. An education that does not elevate, refine and ennoble the character is a curse. Hence an educated rascal is more dangerous than the ignorant one; moreover, the educated good man is a greater blessing and boon to society because of this added proficiency.

God in His great plan to save the world has arranged to use human instrumentality, "through the foolishness of preaching;" therefore, we firmly believe that efficiency is as much or more required in this relation than in any other walk of life. Cannot God pour the Holy Spirit upon the trained mind? Yea, verily. We believe the learned man can readily grasp the truth, correctly lay its message before the groping mind and rightly divide the word of God so that its profound problems may become sources of inspiration and blessing to the confused and doubtful mind.

We, your committee, endorse the course of studies and would earnestly urge that they be brought up by all our preachers. We recommend our institutions of learning. They do work of quality and are superior to the public school in general, and from the spiritual standpoint cannot be surpassed. The fathers of our church realized the importance of a Christian education and wisely established these schools. Therefore they deserve your support and patronage.

Seeing that the Canadian standard of education differs greatly from that of the United States, we trust the day is not far distant when steps will be taken to establish a Christian school in our Canadian conference.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE SASKATCHEWAN CONFERENCE

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers and Evangelists	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars (Number Enrolled)	Members in Home Department	Names on Cradle Roll	Total Enrollment	General Conference (Assessed Claims)	Foreign Missions	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Educational Fund	Raised for Sunday School Expenses
Southern District																	
Westview	F. M. Wees, D. E.	28	8	36	36	9	1	6	40	10	7	63	\$ 30 25	\$ 6 00	\$ 261 40	\$ 73 34	
Moose Jaw	C. B. Garratt	30	2	32	32	10	1	6	53	12	12	71	27 00	6 00	121 06	40 90	
Weyburn and Riverview	T. L. Fletcher	60	9	69	69	25	2	20	130	18	47	215	55 00	38 78	202 33	156 09	
Blackheath and Hudmore	J. R. Elsom, supply	11	2	13	13	6	1	5	28	...	...	33	12 00	4 00	66 45	22 05	
Estevan and Mizpah	Lottie Babcock, Edith Abbott, supplies	32	6	38	38	1	9	7	66	...	10	83	35 00	...	209 85	68 16	
Mount Green	W. A. Miller	16	2	18	18	7	1	5	25	...	...	40	18 00	...	52 40	28 00	
Roseview and Rockland	R. E. Stenger	20	1	21	21	9	2	10	50	...	60	70	17 00	...	107 50	27 90	
Expanse	G. A. Prior, supply	7	5	12	12	2	1	6	35	...	41	60	6 00	...	...	12 95	
Brooking																	
Western District																	
St. Boswells and Grismerville	F. M. Wees, D. E.	8	2	10	10	9	1	3	25	...	...	28	6 00	...	45 25	12 50	
Panf and Jack Creek	Fred F. Prior	6	...	6	6	3	1	2	25	...	...	27	7 00	...	...	25 00	
Shaunavon and Pilot	Alma L. Dies, supply	15	...	15	15	5	1	6	20	...	...	26	13 00	2 25	9 50	13 50	
Northern District																	
Durban and Benito, Man.	J. A. Fletcher, D. E.	11	...	11	11	4	2	5	40	...	...	45	11 00	16 35	...	...	29 12
Shellbrook and Shell Lake	J. A. Fletcher, Eliza Fletcher, supply .....	...	8	8	8	...	1	...	15	...	...	15	...	...	...	...	8 65
Stenen and Sturgis .....	...	...	3	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total		244	48	292	292	16	98	81	562	28	76	747	\$ 237 25	\$ 67 36	\$ 1078 26	\$ 510 16	

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE SASKATCHEWAN CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

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Southern District																
Westview	\$ 9 65	\$ 1 93	\$	\$	\$ 55 00	\$ 128 34	\$ 7 25	\$ 722 65	\$ 60	\$ 79 85	\$ 26 00	\$ 800 77	1	\$ 2000	1	\$ 1500
Moose Jaw	38 76	..	2 00	..	27 34	79 82	6 75	925 00	240	147 85	18 00	793 73	1	13000	1	5500
Weyburn and Riverview	12 00	208 85	13 75	946 83	300	138 10	45 15	538 23	2	5800	1	4500
Blackheath and Hudmore	22 95	3 00	491 00	60	47 35	..	32 80	1	600
Estevan and Mizpel	8 25	17 00	93 41	8 75	530 00	240	94 60	..	493 50	1	2500	1	3500
Mount Green	6 50	31 50	5 25	584 50	80	52 60	21 80	32 00	1	1000
Noseview and Rockland	2 10	30 00	4 25	584 50	60	52 60	..	30 85	1	800
Expense	10 00	1 00	23 95	1 50	31 00	..	14 60
Brooking	15 85
Western District																
St. Boswells and Grismerville	12 50	1 50	517 80	50	39 75	..	800 00	1	900
Ranfur and Jack Creek	25 00	1 75	75 00	..	110 15	17 00	24 00
Shanavon and Pilot	13 50	3 50	202 70	..	35 90	..	34 90
Northern District																
Durban and Benito, Man.	29 12	2 75	721 00	35	55 65	..	140 00	1	600
Shellbrook and Shell Lake	3 85
Stenen and Sturgis	*178 20
Total	\$ 66 66	\$ 4 03	\$ 2 00	\$	\$ 118 84	\$ 701 69	\$ 60 00	\$ 5397 53	\$ 1125	\$1064 40	\$ 127 95	\$3610 84	6	\$ 23900	8	\$18300

*Received from camp meeting and donations from Southern and Western Districts.

WEST IOWA CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Thirty-third Annual Session, held
at Boone, Iowa, August 29-September 2, 1917

OFFICERS

DAVID S. WARNER, *President*
W. D. GROESBECK, *Secretary* IRA C. GRABILL, *Assistant Secretary*
L. F. AUTENRIETH, *Statistical Secretary*
BERTHA BROWN, *Treasurer* MAUD WALLACE, *Auditor*
A. T. SAGER, W. C. KELLEY, *Sunday-school Secretaries*

COMMITTEES

On Nominations—E. Ballenger, W. C. Kelley, A. T. Sager, J. S. Wallace, I. B. Coon.
On Public Worship—The president, A. T. Sager, W. C. Kelley, H. M. Williamson.
On Publications—A. T. Sager, L. F. Autenrieth, J. H. Phelps, Bertha Brown.
On Reforms—G. B. Ingram, P. H. Arlington, A. B. Bixler, F. N. Ahern, R. Crouse.
On Education—W. C. Kelley, E. Ballenger, James Bentley, J. F. Bates.
On Sunday-schools—M. C. Saunders, W. G. Taylor, B. F. Howes, B. B. Holcomb.
On Conference Missions—The stationing committee.
On Foreign Missions—Bertha Brown, Mae Vredenburg, Etta S. Kelley, Maud Wallace.
To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—E. Ballenger, J. S. Wallace, J. F. Mudd.
On Charities—W. D. Groesbeck, M. C. Saunders, R. H. Smyth, A. J. Parks.
On State of the Work—The district elders and I. B. Coon.
To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—M. C. Saunders.
To Publish the Minutes—The secretaries.
On Complimentary Resolutions—F. N. Ahern, P. H. Arlington, E. N. Peterson.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

A. T. Sager, president, 1920; W. C. Kelley, secretary, 1918; J. F. Mudd, 1919.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

W. C. Kelley, I. B. Coon, A. T. Sager, W. D. Groesbeck, J. S. Wallace

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

J. F. Mudd, president, 1920; G. B. Ingram, secretary, 1919; W. C. Kelley, treasurer, 1921; Samuel Cussins, 1922; J. F. Bates, 1918.

CUSTODIANS OF CHURCH PAPERS

A. T. Sager, W. C. Kelley, W. D. Groesbeck.

TRUSTEES OF CENTRAL ACADEMY AND COLLEGE

E. Ballenger, A. T. Sager.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Education—J. F. Mudd. *On Charities*—W. C. Kelley.
On Foreign Missions—Maud Wallace, *On Sunday-schools*—A. T. Sager,
On Publications—Ira C. Grabill. *On Reforms*—F. N. Ahern.

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTIC BOARD

A. T. Sager, president; O. E. Vredenburg, secretary and treasurer; W. C. Kelley, G. B. Ingram, H. M. Williamson.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL SECRETARIES

W. C. Kelley, A. T. Sager.

CONFERENCE TREASURER

Bertha Brown, Correctionville, Iowa.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund; second quarter, General Conference Delegates' Expenses, General Missions, Church Extension; third quarter, Bishops' Salaries, General Conference Entertainment Fund, Permanent Fund; fourth quarter, Conference Missions (20 cents), Conference Parsonage Fund (5 cents).

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

President, Maud Wallace, Churdan, Iowa; first vice-president, Etta Kelley, Clarinda, Iowa; second vice-president, Bertha Brown, Correctionville, Iowa; corresponding secretary, Lucy Kelley, Shenandoah, Iowa; recording secretary, Mae Vredenburg, Churdan, Iowa; treasurer, Florence Manz, Schey, Iowa; superintendent of Junior work, Ethel Kelley, Clarinda, Iowa.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

P. H. Arlington,
E. Ballenger,
G. B. Ingram,
W. G. Taylor,
M. C. Saunders,
L. F. Autenrieth,
L. W. Blackman.

George Patrick,
J. F. Mudd,
W. D. Groesbeck,
A. T. Sager,
Bertha Brown,
H. M. Williamson,

C. G. Cox,
F. N. Ahern,
D. W. Reed,
W. C. Kelley,
Ira C. Grabill,
Maud Wallace,

DELEGATES

E. N. Peterson,
J. F. Bates,
I. B. Coon,
R. H. Smyth,
L. O. Wells,
Preston Clark,

A. J. Parks,
B. F. Howes,
J. S. Wallace,
B. B. Holcomb,
Luella Mae Reynolds,
Amos Edwards.

R. Crouse,
James Bentley,
J. H. Phelps,
A. B. Bixler,
George Johnson,

2. Who are the stationing committee? David S. Warner, W. C. Kelley, A. T. Sager, J. M. Bentley, I. B. Coon.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? Roy Nelson.

4. Who remain on trial? None.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? Ira C. Grabill, on certificate of location; L. W. Blackman, from the Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene; Maud Wallace, H. M. Williamson.

6. Who are the deacons? F. N. Ahern, D. W. Reed, W. G. Taylor, Bertha Brown, Maud Wallace, H. M. Williamson, Ira C. Grabill, L. W. Blackman.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? M. C. Saunders.

8. Who have located this year? None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? D. W. Reed.

10. Who are the superannuated preachers? P. H. Arlington, C. G. Cox, George Patrick.

11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? None.
12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.
13. Who have been given certificates of standing with a view to transfer to another conference? G. B. Chase, by the Shenandoah district quarterly conference to the Nebraska conference.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.
15. Who have died this year? None.
- 16-20. See statistical reports.
21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? P. H. Arlington, \$150; Mrs. P. R. Rhamy, \$130; Mrs. M. C. Crippen, \$90; Mrs. Lura Austin, \$130.
23. See statistical and treasurer's reports.
24. See appointments.
25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Shenandoah, Iowa, as near the last Wednesday in August as will suit the plans of the presiding bishop.

APPOINTMENTS

SHENANDOAH DISTRICT—W. C. KELLEY, District Elder, Clarinda, Iowa

Shenandoah and Bingham.....G. B. Ingram, Shenandoah, Iowa
 Council Bluffs and Dunlap..Florence Humphrey, supply, Council Bluffs, "
 Hamburg and Knox.....To be supplied
 Clarinda and Shambaugh.....Mrs. E. Kelley, supply, Clarinda, Iowa
 College Springs and Pleasant Hill.....J. F. Mudd, College Springs, "
 Carbon.....F. N. Ahern, Carbon, "
 Glasgow and Gravity.....M. C. Saunders, Gravity, "
 Clearfield, Lorimor and Mt. Ayr.....To be supplied
 Garden Grove.....To be supplied

E. Ballenger, general conference evangelist, Box 95, Shenandoah, Iowa;
 P. H. Arlington, C. G. Cox, superannuated; D. W. Reed, supernumerary; G. B. Chase, transferred to the Nebraska conference.

BOONE DISTRICT—A. T. SAGER, District Elder, Boone, Iowa

Boone, Ogden and Pleasant Hill.....
H. M. Williamson, one to be supplied, Boone, Iowa
 Polk City and Bethany.....Ira C. Grabill, Polk, "
 Scranton and Glidden.....W. D. Groesbeck, Glidden, "
 Bear Grove, Coon Rapids and Schoolhouse Union No. 1.....Roy Nelson
 Churdan and Andrew Schoolhouse.....Maud Wallace, Churdan, Iowa
 Sac City and Steeg Church.....L. F. Autenrieth, Sac City, "
 Ft. Dodge.....To be supplied
 Plover, Rolfe and Callan Schoolhouse.....W. G. Taylor, Rolfe, Iowa
 Correctionville and Kingsley.....Bertha Brown, Correctionville, "
 LeMars and South Sioux City.....L. W. Blackman, LeMars, "

George Patrick, superannuated; T. B. Keopple, discontinued from traveling connection, member Boone district quarterly conference.

LOCAL ELDERS

R. H. Smyth....Churdan, Iowa

LOCAL DEACONS

W. W. Parish....Honey Creek, Iowa

LOCAL PREACHERS

J. S. Gilmore.....	Rolfe, Iowa	A. B. Bixler.....	Garden Grove, Iowa
A. E. McKay.....	Gravity, "	John Furgason	Coin, "
C. A. Larew.....	Boone, "	Cash Steward.....	Lake View, "
Joseph Knox	Correctionville, "	C. E. Nesler.....	Glidden, "
J. H. McBride.....	Polk, "	T. B. Keopple.....	
N. S. Huddle.....	Boone, "	E. N. Peterson, South Sioux City, Neb.	

ANNUAL CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Mrs. Etta S. Kelley....	Clarinda, Iowa	Alice T. Sager.....	Boone, Iowa
Mrs. Virginia E. Gates....	College Springs, Iowa		

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Elma Ingram	Shenandoah, Iowa	Jennie DeWees	Boone, Iowa
Agnes Fees	Clarinda, "	Mrs. Ida Barnes, College Springs, "	
Florence Manz	LeMars, "	Wilma Rukes	

TREASURER'S REPORT

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS—Apportioned and paid, \$220.50.
 BISHOPS' SALARIES—Apportioned and paid, \$79.38.
 GENERAL MISSIONS—Apportioned and paid, \$66.15.
 CHURCH EXTENSION—Apportioned and paid, \$44.10.
 GENERAL CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT—Apportioned and paid, \$8.12.
 PERMANENT FUND—Apportioned and paid, \$22.05.
 CONFERENCE MISSIONS—Apportioned and paid, \$88.20.
 CONFERENCE PARSONAGE FUND—Apportioned and paid, \$22.05.
 TOTAL—\$551.25.
 SURPLUS ON HAND—\$1.11.
 FOREIGN MISSIONS—\$3.14.
 SUNDAY-SCHOOL FOREIGN MISSION SELF-DENIAL—\$7.60.
 SUNDAY-SCHOOL FOREIGN MISSION—\$11.17.
 CHILDREN'S FUND—\$1.00.
 GENERAL SUNDAY-SCHOOL BOARD—50 cents.
 SPECIAL FUND—\$65.85.
 TO PUBLISH THE MINUTES—\$36.55.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

FOREIGN MISSIONS—\$716.04.

MISCELLANEOUS

The thirty-third session of the West Iowa annual conference was held at Boone, Iowa, August 29 to September 2. By appointment of Bishop Jones, D. S. Warner, of the Michigan conference, presided. His excellent spirit, uniform kindness, wise counsels and unctuous sermons rendered him a very acceptable presiding officer. L. G. Lewis, of the Kansas conference, was present in the interest of the Central Academy and College, McPherson, Kansas, and after a stirring address received an offering in cash and subscriptions amounting to \$500.00. He also represented the Publishing House during his stay. The conference evangelistic fund was increased by a collection on Sunday morning amounting to \$456.00. A meeting in the interest of foreign missions, under the auspices of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, addressed by F. L. Baker, field agent of the General Missionary Board, was held Sunday

afternoon, and a collection amounting in cash and subscription to \$358.00 was taken. M. C. Saunders was ordained elder. Maud Wallace and H. M. Williamson were ordained deacons. L. W. Blackman, formerly of the Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene, was received into the conference on his credentials given by that body and took work among us. D. S. Warner preached three times, F. L. Baker twice, and L. G. Lewis. L. W. Blackman, Roy Nelson, E. Ballenger and Ira C. Grabill once each. The total of all money raised was \$1,755.00. A splendid full altar service was the grand closing scene Sunday night. The appointments were well received and the preachers went forth to their fields, both new and old, with victory in their souls and renewed courage for the coming conflicts.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

The General Missionary Board of the Free Methodist church was formed in 1882 and incorporated June 19, 1885. The missionary work was started in India in 1881, by Rev. and Mrs. E. F. Ward, who felt their call to this work and at first went out as faith missionaries, but later came in under our board. The first missionaries sent out by our board went to India in 1885. According to the report of October, 1916, this field now has twelve American missionaries and one organized church of seventy-four members. There are seventy-five children in the schools. They have at Yeotmal an orphanage for boys and one for girls. The value of all property is \$31,390.

The work in Africa began in 1885. Five missionaries were sent out at this time. To-day they have twenty-three missionaries. There are sixteen organized churches with a membership of 1,488. They are organized into a conference known as the South Africa Mission conference. The property is valued at \$90,125.

In Japan the work began in 1895 by a native who had been in the United States for six years and then returned to his people. The way soon opened up and the board sent out missionaries to this needy field. Six American missionaries labor here. The membership of the six organized churches is 946. They have thirty-six Sunday-schools, with an attendance of 1,448. The value of the property is \$65,676.

The work in China was begun in 1905. Prior to this Miss Clara Leffingwell labored here for seven years under the China Inland Mission. At the annual meeting of the board last October, there was reported fourteen American missionaries and three organized churches, having a membership of 363. The property is valued at \$3,930.

Rev. S. E. Mills and wife were the first missionaries to the Dominican Republic. They went to this work in 1889. They now have six American missionaries and six organized churches, whose membership numbers 189. The value of the property is \$5,052.

Surely we can exclaim, "What hath God wrought," for in thirty-one years we have thirty-two organized churches with a membership of 2,934 and property valued at \$196,173.

God's blessing has certainly rested upon this work. And if we are to be collaborators with Him we must stand by the work with our money and our prayers until He calls us in to answer to the roll call above.

II.—ON PUBLICATIONS

The press is one of the greatest agencies employed for the disseminating of ideas among the people. It is a potent factor for good or evil. We regret that so much unwholesome and pernicious literature is published, and deplore the fact that so many demand that kind of reading matter, hence its publication.

Reformation along this line will come only by a genuine revival of Bible salvation.

Then there is a class of literature that goes under the name of religion which is full of false theories and wrong teachings. Agents will bring these to your doors and in their persuasive and subtle way will have you purchase if possible. Their business is to sell, not to look after the welfare of your soul. Beware of them; many are wolves in sheep's clothing. Especially at this time the Adventists are busy scattering their publications, on the war, prophecies, signs of the times, etc. The Mormons, too, are busy. They have not gone out of business. Their missionaries are going everywhere disseminating their false doctrines among the people, by free distribution of literature. Christian Science (falsely so-called), Russellism, the Tongues Movement, Faith Healers and many other cults and creeds have books, pamphlets and papers. Leave these alone. They neither feed the soul nor the intellect, and are sure to lead astray those who follow their teachings.

But thank God, good, wholesome and religious literature can still be obtained. The old adage, "A man is known by the company he keeps," is not always true, for sometimes associates are imposed upon him, but it is true that a man is known by what he reads, as this is of his own choosing. One of the greatest factors in building character is good reading. Who has not been stirred to greater zeal in the work of the Lord by reading "Arthur's Tongue of Fire"? In reading "Hymns that are Immortal" who has not been inspired to lead a purer and nobler life? Who can sit unmoved while Wesley's hymns are read or sung? Many a sinner has been moved to contrition and many a saint has been inspired. Our Publishing House has a great variety of books, both for old and young. The literature they put out is safe. Don't be afraid to buy. Parents should be very careful to see that their children are supplied with good literature. They will read something, so provide the best. Don't let them select their own reading from the public library. Much of it is not fit for them to read. Some parents say their children do not care for religious literature, and make that an excuse for not purchasing good books. They should early cultivate in their children a desire for such reading, by reading to them or with them, making it attractive by remarks or explanations. Then as they grow older select reading suitable for the age. Don't expect a boy of sixteen to go into raptures over "Stories for the Twilight" or "The Christian's Secret of a Happy Life." Both are good books, but not suitable for a boy of sixteen. Give him "The Life of John G. Paton," "Life of David Livingstone" and such books.

The *Free Methodist* should be in every home. It is our denominational paper and keeps us in touch with the church throughout the denomination and has plenty of soul food.

The Sunday-school literature is the best and should be used in all our schools. Other denominations and societies recognize its value and are using it. The *Sunday-school Worker* and *Missionary Tidings* should have a wide circulation among us.

III.—ON THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL

The system of Bible study is a very ancient institution. The Israelites were admonished by Moses to diligently teach their children the commandments and ordinances of their holy religion. Later there were schools of the prophets. Jesus when here on earth taught His disciples. In the Acts of the Apostles we read that Priscilla and Aquilla taught the orator, Apollos, the more perfect way. Paul faithfully instructed his son, Timothy, who had been thoroughly trained by his devoted mother, Eunice, and his pious grandmother, Lois. The same spirit prompted Robert Raikes and Sophia Cook, of Gloucester, England, in the hot month of July, 1780, to revive the study of the Bible among the poor, neglected children, and thus inaugurated the modern Sabbath-school, which will doubtless be perpetuated as long as time shall last.

The Sunday-school has, all through the past, been a great means and

source of knowledge pertaining to things divine. All persons, especially members of the Free Methodist church, should avail themselves of the opportunity of attending this means of grace and source of knowledge, as it has been fitly said by one, "All the church in the Sunday-school, and all the Sunday-school in the church."

We are very sorry to find some of our older people who have the idea that the Sunday-school is just for the children, and that they, themselves, have no need for the Sunday-school. And they oppose anything which might be brought in to make the school more helpful and far-reaching, thinking that it would be a compromise to adopt any new measures, such as the Sunday-school Standard. Whatever, therefore, will make us more efficient in reaching the children and bringing them to Christ is worthy of our best efforts.

The primary object should not be to merely instruct or indoctrinate the young minds, but rather to secure direct and positive results. Our children should not pass from the Sabbath-school to the world, but to the shelter and protection of the church. "Where is the hope of the twentieth century?" is asked; the answer comes, "In the children of to-day." "Who will fill the pews and pulpits, and make up the rank and file of noble Christians?" "The boys and girls of to-day, who have been secured from the powers of darkness," is the ready response. If we secure the salvation of our children, we not only save their souls, but secure their valuable lives for Christ's service. Somewhere we have read this statement from Mr. Spurgeon, "that he had never been obliged to expel from church membership one who was converted and joined the church while young." If the training of the child has to do with the whole life, we feel that it should be deeply spiritual and intensely practical.

We recognized the importance of the Sabbath-school work, not only among the children and young people, but the aged and shut-ins as well, and therefore recommended a greater interest in the Home Department and Cradle Roll. Many have been reached through this part of the work, and whole families have been won over to Christ and the church.

In conclusion, we the committee wish to recommend that every Sunday-school throughout the church adopt the Sunday-school Standard and try and make every school a standard school, and also wish to express our appreciation for the high standard of Sunday-school literature sent out by our Publishing House.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WEST IOWA CONFERENCE

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers and Evangelists	Copies of "Free Methodists" Taken	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars (Number Enrolled)	Members in Home Department	Names on Cradle Roll	Total Enrollment	General Conference (Assessed) (Tithes)	Foreign Missions	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Educational Fund	Raised for Sunday School Expenses
Shenandoah District	W. C. Kelley, D. E.	34	1	35	1	2	1	8	60	11	11	90	\$ 33 00	\$ 77 00	\$ 86 00	\$.....	\$ 44 82
	Etta Kelley, supply.																
	Florence E. Humphreys, supply.	36	3	39	1	4	1	4	30	...	6	40	32 00	...	6 00	...	18 21
	W. C. Kelley, supply.	52	1	53	2	10	2	16	78	...	4	98	48 00	...	70 25	...	32 02
	G. B. Chase	54	8	62	2	18	1	7	41	...	...	53	59 00	19 00	15 17	...	32 00
	J. F. Muld	5	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	34 50
	W. C. Kelley	28	1	29	5	10	2	5	52	...	...	60	29 00	...	...	...	30 00
	William G. Taylor	20	2	22	...	8	1	8	20	...	...	25	25 00	...	...	...	30 00
	F. N. Ahern	8	...	8	1	1	1	4	30	...	...	34	7 00	...	...	...	17 48
	A. B. Bixler, supply.																
Boone District	A. T. Sager, D. E.	61	9	70	1	20	2	10	100	...	25	135	24 00	25 00	10 00	40 00	47 00
	H. M. Williamson	16	2	18	1	2	1	6	25	...	...	31	17 00	6 30	...	...	16 58
	A. T. Sager	21	9	30	2	7	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	G. B. Ingram	19	...	19	2	7	1	6	36	...	...	42	19 00	13 85	...	...	12 31
	Jennie DeWees, sup.	39	3	42	...	14	2	10	75	...	...	85	34 00	...	...	...	35 00
	W. D. Groesbeck	22	3	25	...	13	1	6	28	...	...	34	16 00	...	39 55	...	23 79
	M. C. Saunders	3	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	A. T. Sager	3	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	T. B. Keopple	6	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Bertha Brown	17	1	18	1	5	1	7	23	...	...	30	16 00	...	23 50	...	16 82
Total	L. F. Antearieth	16	1	17	1	6	1	5	20	...	...	25	23 00	32 00	...	...	17 70
	E. N. Peterson, sup.	11	3	14	1	4	1	5	30	...	...	35	...	...	...	...	17 41
		463	46	515	16	140	20	109	654	11	46	820	\$ 441 00	\$ 173 15	\$ 250 47	\$ 40 00	\$ 376 14

West Iowa Conference

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WEST IOWA CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

CHARGE	Raised in Sunday School for Foreign Missions	Raised for Children's Fund	Raised for General Conference S. S. Board	Raised for Annual Conference Sunday School Board	Raised in Sunday School for All Other Denominances	Total Amount Raised in Sunday School	Conference Missions	Pastors' Support	Parsonage Rent	Ministers' Support	Evangelists' Support	Incidentals	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
Shenandoah District																
Shenandoah, Bingham and Essex	\$ 11 35	\$ 7 00	\$	\$	\$ 4 78	\$ 67 95	\$ 6 60	\$ 400 00	\$ 120 00	\$ 85 80	\$ 27 00	\$ 100 00	1	\$ 3000	1	\$ 1500
O'Connell Bluffs and Dunlap	1 50	1 50	..	..	..	19 71	6 40	344 00	120	64 53	23 00	105 86	1	3000	1	2000
Hamburg and Knox	..	..	..	..	..	..	6 40	300 00	120	5 20	40 00	15 00	1	1400	1	600
Clarinda and Shambaugh	2 80	..	..	..	..	24 82	9 80	556 26	120	132 40	58 18	41 00	1	1700	1	2200
College Springs, Pleasant Hill	..	..	..	..	3 76	40 00	11 80	450 00	100	158 40	13 75	149 69	2	2000	1	1700
Carbon	1 50	1 50	3 43	..	..	6 00	1 00	120 00	40	13 71	..	..	1	800	1	600
Gravely and Glasgow	..	..	..	..	..	30 00	5 80	436 19	40	53 10	91 03	38 35	2	2800	1	600
Clearfield, Lorimer and Mt. Ayr	..	..	..	..	..	20 00	5 00	185 91	17	56 32	..	10 00	1	1000	1	600
Garden Grove	..	..	..	..	1 44	18 92	1 40	20 00	..	15 95	..	55 00	1	..	..	..
Boone District																
Boone, Ogden and Pleasant Hill	9 00	9 00	..	..	10 00	68 00	6 80	625 00	120	88 87	200 00	400 00	3	3500	1	1000
Polk City and Bethany	..	..	..	..	..	..	3 40	180 00	..	47 96	90 00	50 00	1	2000	1	1200
Scranton and Giddien	..	..	3 00	..	..	19 50	3 60	340 76	150	56 76	12 50	207 00	1	1300	1	1700
Bear Grove, Coon Rapids and Schoolhouse No. 1	..	..	..	..	..	12 31	3 80	487 96	..	49 22	25 50	133 55	1	2400	2	2100
Churchman and Andrew Schoolhouse	..	..	..	..	..	63 00	3 80	583 03	144	98 03	100 00	40 00	1	1100	1	1200
Sac City and Steeg Church	1 71	..	4 50	..	..	30 00	3 20	300 00	150	43 55	105 00	310 47	1	4500	1	1200
St. Dodge	..	..	..	..	..	..	4 00	35 00	..	3 50	..	..	..	1000	..	..
Proctor, Rolfe and Calum S. H.	..	..	..	..	..	18 93	3 20	220 00	96	45 00	144 87	40 20	1	3000	1	800
De Moines	5 50	1 00	..	..	7 75	31 95	4 60	471 80	..	71 55	68 70	136 20	1	3000	..	..
South Sioux City	..	..	..	..	..	17 41	..	50 21	..	18 00	62 15	..	..	..	..	..
Total	\$ 21 36	\$ 20 00	10 93	\$..	\$ 59 73	\$ 488 16	\$ 88 20	\$ 5745 18	\$ 1250	\$ 1143 57	\$ 1057 08	\$ 1822 82	28	\$ 37500	18	\$ 19100

*\$30.00 paid to Etta Kelley. †\$20.00 paid to G. B. Chase. ‡\$80.00 paid to P. H. Arlington.

EAST MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Thirty-fourth Annual Session, held
at Corunna, Michigan, August 22-26, 1917

OFFICERS

DAVID S. WARNER, *President*

A. E. POTBURY, *Secretary*

S. H. PORTERFIELD, *Assistant Secretary*

A. W. PICKARD, *Assistant Secretary*

R. E. CROUCH, *Statistical Secretary*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—D. S. Warner, W. J. Jackson, A. J. Stevens, H. Barnard, R. Hall.

On Reforms—F. J. McCarty, C. McCallum, A. S. Bruff, Marietta Dean, Myrtle Clayton.

On Education—A. E. Potbury, Victor Rensberry, A. L. Brown, A. Haight, W. S. Ormston, M. P. Haller.

On Church Literature—J. A. Kelly, A. D. Warren, J. N. Wilson, James Richards, M. G. Powell, Ann Hoadley.

On Sabbath-schools—H. Barnes, M. DeVoist, M. W. Hoyt, S. Pratt, William Wallace, George Rice.

On Finance—H. Voorhess, S. H. Porterfield, L. J. Stiles, George Freeman.

On Charities—R. E. Crouch, C. H. Woods, W. A. Knight, E. B. Call, A. Sutphen, R. K. Streeter.

On Examining Quarterly Conference Records—A. A. York, W. D. Kingsley, Jr., J. H. McMillan, A. E. Thomas.

On State of the Work—The district elders.

On Raising Funds for Publishing the Minutes—C. E. King, W. J. Cross.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.

On Auditing the Treasurer's Account—E. D. Hartley, C. McCallum.

On Memoirs—S. H. Porterfield, W. J. Jackson, H. Voorhess, W. S. Ormston, A. J. Stevens, G. I. Chalker.

On Missions and Missionary Appropriations—The stationing committee.

On Conference Claimants and Claims—D. S. Warner, A. J. Stevens, H. Voorhess, Lee Cole, F. A. Barber.

On War Resolutions—M. DeVoist, A. D. Warren, G. I. Chalker.

On Complimentary Resolutions—M. DeVoist, W. W. Hoyt, S. H. Porterfield.

On the State Camp Meeting—M. DeVoist, S. H. Porterfield, A. J. Stevens.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

M. DeVoist, president; W. J. Jackson, secretary; H. Voorhess; Lee Cole, treasurer; F. A. Barber.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

E. D. Hartley, president; C. E. Caswell, secretary; J. N. Wilson, treasurer; Arthur Haight, F. A. Barber.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

H. Barnes, 1918; A. J. Stevens, 1919; J. J. Morrish, 1920.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Mrs. Foda Roe, president, Spruce, Michigan; Mrs. Bina Call, first vice-president, Fenton, Michigan; Mrs. Martha Cantley, second vice-president, Flint, Michigan; Mrs. Abbie Morrish, corresponding secretary, Uhly, Michigan;

Mrs. Sadie Warren, recording secretary, Memphis, Michigan; Mrs. Mattie Hoyt, treasurer, Breckenridge, Michigan; Mrs. Edna McCarty, agent for *Missionary Tidings*, Williamston, Michigan; Mrs. Phebe Stockton, superintendent of Junior work, Durand, Michigan.

CONFERENCE HISTORIAN

M. DeVoist.

TO EXAMINE THE MANUSCRIPT OF THE CONFERENCE HISTORIAN

E. D. Hartley, S. H. Porterfield, W. J. Jackson.

BOARD OF AGGRESSIVE EVANGELISM

A. J. Stevens, A. E. Warren, C. E. Caswell, H. Voorhess, A. D. Warren, A. A. York.

CONFERENCE SUNDAY-SCHOOL SECRETARY

S. H. Porterfield.

DISTRICT SUNDAY-SCHOOL SECRETARIES

St. Johns district, M. D. Ormston; Flint district, Victor Rensberry; Port Huron district, J. A. Kelly; Bay City district, F. D. Voller.

CONFERENCE TREASURER

W. J. Jackson, 706 Lafayette avenue, Bay City, Michigan.

MINISTERS' MUTUAL AID SOCIETY

A. A. York, president; M. W. Hoyt, secretary-treasurer.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

The conference ordered that all conference claims be raised during the first half of the conference year.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

<i>On Reforms</i> —A. D. Warren,	<i>On Education</i> —W. J. Cross,
<i>On Church Literature</i> —J. H. McMillan,	<i>On Finance</i> —M. DeVoist,
	<i>On Charities</i> —C. McCallum,
	<i>On Sabbath-schools</i> —S. H. Porterfield.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

S. Johnson,
William Rumley,
A. D. Warren,
A. E. Potbury,
C. H. Woods,
A. L. Brown,
S. G. Bartlett,
F. E. Crippen,
M. E. Howard,
A. E. Thomas,
F. J. McCarty,
W. J. Cross,
M. DeVoist,

W. W. Hoyt,
J. A. Spencer,
C. E. Caswell,
A. S. Bruff,
W. A. Knight,
W. T. Sumner,
H. Burse,
S. J. Reed,
E. B. Call,
M. P. Haller,
C. McCallum,
H. L. Howell,
E. D. Hartley,

H. Voorhess,
A. J. Stevens,
G. I. Chalker,
J. J. Morrish,
H. E. Leiningar,
I. Mudge,
S. H. Porterfield,
J. P. Burdett,
H. Barnes,
C. C. Garnett,
A. W. Pickard,
W. D. Kingsley, Jr.,
A. Tice,

PREACHERS—Continued

J. N. Wilson,
W. J. Hallead,
M. W. Hoyt,
J. W. Anderson,
R. E. Crouch,
F. A. Smith,
C. Weiman.

W. G. Roe,
A. A. York,
T. J. Selman,
J. A. Kelly,
C. E. King,
F. D. Voller,

W. J. Jackson,
J. H. McMillan,
G. A. Hosmer,
Victor Rensberry,
George Rouse,
R. E. Smith,

DELEGATES

Allen Schantz,
Olive Johnson,
Seymour Pratt,
George Hayhoe,
Lee Cole,
Lee Harbin,
William Jeneraux,
M. G. Powell,
Arthur Haight,
S. H. McCallum,
William Ormston,
Ann E. Hoadley,
H. C. Hammond,
L. J. Cantley,
Bert Augsburg,
John Holthforth,
L. G. Bentley.

R. K. Streeter,
Elizabeth Stubbs,
Marietta Dean,
George Freeman,
Elias Roberts,
Arza Sutphen,
William West,
Edgar Miller,
John Miller,
J. H. Dennis,
James Richards,
Frank Kernott,
Henry Soldan,
Sophia Morse,
W. J. Wallace,
James Decker,

G. H. Rice,
Myrtle Clayton,
L. J. Stiles,
Adeline Baker,
W. J. Baker,
Wells McCarty,
John DeWitt,
H. W. Barnard,
F. A. Barber,
L. D. Holmes,
David Easlick,
S. D. Lockwood,
Herbert Bemis,
Elmer Smith,
G. B. Putnam,
Henry Anderson,

2. Who are the stationing committee? D. S. Warner, A. J. Stevens, H. Barnes, H. Voorhess, C. E. Caswell, M. G. Powell, Lee Cole, Arthur Haight, F. A. Barber.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? Earl Roberts, C. E. Dietz, G. V. Dean, S. R. Whims.

4. Who remain on trial? M. D. Ormston, Jessie Ragatz, James Phillips, Bert Case, A. O. Griffin.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? R. E. Smith, Claude Weiman, F. D. Voller.

6. Who are the deacons? A. L. Brown, H. L. Howell, W. J. Jackson, E. B. Call, A. E. Thomas, T. J. Selman, A. E. Potbury, F. J. McCarty, C. McCallum, W. J. Cross, R. E. Smith, F. D. Voller, Claude Weiman.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? R. E. Crouch, H. E. Leininger.

8. Who have located this year? None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? Bert Case, G. A. Hosmer, S. G. Bartlett, G. I. Chalker, T. J. Selman.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? I. Mudge, William Rumley, S. Johnson, E. D. Hartley, J. P. Burdett, F. E. Crippen, W. W. Hoyt, A. Tice, J. A. Spencer, C. C. Garnett, W. J. Hallead, M. E. Howard, W. G. Roe, W. T. Sumner, F. A. Smith.

11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? F. A. Smith, from the North Michigan conference.

12. Who have withdrawn this year? None.

13. Who have been granted certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? H. L. Howell.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? Have they, during the past year, discharged their duties to God, themselves and one another? The name of each was called and his character passed.

15. Who have died this year? Moses Cuthbert.

16-20. See statistical reports.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? S. Johnson, \$90; I. Mudge, \$100; William Rumley, \$65; F. E. Crippen, \$50; E. D. Hartley, \$100; J. P. Burdett, \$45; A. Tice, \$75; H. Burse, \$150; W. W. Hoyt, \$100; A. J. Spencer, \$50; W. J. Hallead, \$100; Anna M. Embury, \$50; Theresa V. Currier, \$35; Emma Cuthbert, \$60; Eunice A. Doolittle, \$35; Maggie M. Davis, \$60; Maggie J. Sage, \$150.

22-23. See statistical report.

24. See appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? It was decided to hold the next session in McCurdy Park, Corunna, Michigan, and to convene not earlier than the third Wednesday in August, nor later than the second Wednesday in September, 1918.

APPOINTMENTS

ST. JOHNS DISTRICT—A. J. STEVENS, District Elder, Lock Box 14, Corunna, Michigan

St. Johns, South Ovid and Eureka.....	H. Barnes, St. Johns, Michigan
Elsie and Ovid.....	A. W. Pickard, Elsie, "
Ithaca.....	Jessie Ragatz, Ithaca, "
Racy, Fergus, Brant and Brady.....	Lynn Scofield, supply, R. D. 4, Elsie, "
Owosso and Corunna.....	C. H. Woods, 707 Grand avenue, Owosso, "
New Haven and Lennon.....	D. E. Dean, supply, R. F. D., Owosso, "
Locke and Perry.....	E. Willerton, supply, R. F. D., Williamston, "
Williamston and Webberville.....	F. J. McCarty, Williamston, "
Dansville.....	M. D. Ormston, Dansville, "
Lansing.....	M. DeVoist, 108 North Pine street, Lansing, "
South Lyon and Silver Lake.....	C. E. King, South Lyon, "
Wheeler, Porter and Bethany.....	J. H. McMillan, Breckenridge, "
Livingston.....	M. P. Haller, R. F. D., Fowlerville, "
Meridan.....	To be supplied

S. Johnson, Saranac, Michigan; W. W. Hoyt, R. F. D., Breckenridge, Michigan; J. A. Spencer, M. E. Howard, Corunna, Michigan, superannuated; Bert Case, supernumerary.

FLINT DISTRICT—A. E. WARREN, District Elder, 720 Harrison street, Flint, Michigan

Flint, First Church.....	S. H. Porterfield, 730 Oak street, Flint, Michigan
Flint, Second Church.....	H. E. Leininger, 1237 Roosevelt avenue, Flint, "
West Flint and Linden.....	Earl Roberts, R. D. 5, Flint, "
Durand.....	J. W. Anderson, Durand, "
Davison, Cobb and Bassett.....	Victor Rensberry, Davison, "
Otisville.....	A. S. Bruff, Otisville, "
Montrose and Clio.....	A. O. Griffin, Montrose, "
Germany.....	E. B. Call, R. F. D., Fenton, "
Pontiac.....	To be supplied
Amy, Washington and Ray.....	M. W. Hoyt Amy, Michigan
Hadley, Brandon and Oxford.....	J. R. Garnett, supply, "
.....	1223 Cleveland avenue, Flint, "
Saginaw.....	J. N. Wilson, 621 Clinton street, Saginaw, "
Lum and Burnside.....	J. F. King, supply, Lum, "

C. C. Garnett, Durand, Michigan; F. E. Crippen, 1019 Matthews street, Flint, Michigan; F. A. Smith, Freeland, Michigan; W. J. Hallead, Flint, Michigan; W. T. Sumner, superannuated. G. A. Hosmer, S. G. Bartlett, supernumerary. H. L. Howell, granted a certificate of standing with a view to transfer.

PORT HURON DISTRICT—H. VOORHESS, District Elder, 351 Wilson avenue, Pontiac, Michigan

Port Huron and Kimball.....
Vernon Dean, 1425 Elmwood avenue, Port Huron, Michigan
 Marine City and China.....James Fuller, supply, Marine City, "
 Yale and Ball.....J. A. Kelly, Yale, "
 Memphis.....A. D. Warren, Memphis, "
 Sandusky and Carsonville.....C. McCallum, R. F. D., Peck, "
 Elmer, Lynch and Buel.....C. Weiman, R. F. D., Sandusky, "
 Snover, Argyle and Noko.....A. A. York, Snover, "
 Harbor Beach and Town Line.....
W. Middaugh, Mary Middaugh, supplies, Harbor Beach, "
 Bad Axe and Ubly.....J. J. Morrish, Ubly, "
 Wilmot, Novesta, Evergreen and Cass City.....
R. E. Crouch, R. F. D., Shabbona, "
 Caro and Akron.....Laverne Morgan, supply, R. F. D., Caro, "
 Mayville and Rich.....A. L. Brown, Mayville, "

A. Tice, R. F. D. 2, Sandusky, Michigan; I. Mudge, Smith Creek, Michigan; H. Burse, superannuated. G. I. Chalker, R. F. D., Sandusky, Michigan, supernumerary.

BAY CITY DISTRICT—C. E. CASWELL, District Elder, 1106 Litchfield street, Bay City, Michigan

Bay City, East and West Sides.....
W. J. Jackson, 706 Lafayette avenue, Bay City, Michigan
 Midland and Sanford.....A. E. Thomas, Midland, "
 Luman, North Bradley and Coleman.....S. J. Reed, Coleman, "
 Fraser, Kawkawlin and Bryor.....C. H. Oaks, supply, R. F. D., Linwood, "
 Gladwin and West Grout.....F. D. Voller, Gladwin, "
 Highwood, Mt. Forest, Cherry Hill and Bentley.....
C. E. Dietz, Mt. Forest, "
 Indian Mission.....Adam Hart, supply
 Arenac, Whitefeather and Standish.....S. R. Whims, Standish, Michigan
 Hockaday, Sherman and Leiton.....James Phillips, Hockaday, "
 Maple Ridge, Melita and Prescott.....W. A. Knight, Maple Ridge, "
 Nestor, Siloam and Sage.....James Hygema, supply, R. F. D., Prescott, "
 West Branch, Edwards and Campbell's Corners.....
R. E. Smith, West Branch, "

Rose City and Lupton.....G. E. Rouse, Rose City, "
 Alpena.....W. J. Cross, 510 Saginaw street, Alpena, "
 Wilson and Rayburn.....A. E. Potbury, R. F. D., Alpena, "
 Walker, Wolverine and Onaway.....To be supplied
 Hillman and Spratt.....W. D. Kingsley, Jr., Spratt, Michigan

E. D. Hartley, Mt. Forest, Michigan; William Rumley, Gladwin, Michigan; J. P. Burdett, Alpena, Michigan; W. G. Roe, Spruce, Michigan, superannuated. T. J. Selman, supernumerary.

LOCAL ELDER

W. S. Mulholland.

LOCAL DEACONS

Robert Parker,
 George Bartle,
 James Hygema,
 Lee Cole,
 J. F. King,

Jeremiah Cox,
 Frank Smith,
 Elmer Punches,
 Elmer Barrett,
 E. Willerton,

Frank P. Brace,
 C. H. Lee,
 Albert Yates,
 D. E. Dean,
 James Fulker.

CONFERENCE ROLL OF PREACHERS

Year of admission into full connection	Name	Year of admission into full connection	Name
1875.....	S. Johnson	1909.....	G. I. Chalker
1876.....	I. Mudge	1909.....	A. E. Thomas
1877.....	H. Burse	1909.....	T. J. Selman
1879.....	M. DeVoist	1910.....	A. E. Potbury
1881.....	T. A. Smith	1910.....	M. P. Haller
1883.....	W. W. Hoyt	1910.....	A. S. Bruff
1883.....	E. D. Hartley	1910.....	G. A. Hosmer
1888.....	H. Voorhess	1910.....	C. C. Garnett
1885.....	A. Tice	1911.....	J. J. Morrish
1890.....	F. E. Crippen	1911.....	J. W. Anderson
1891.....	S. H. Porterfield	1912.....	F. J. McCarty
1891.....	J. N. Wilson	1912.....	J. A. Kelly
1892.....	William Rumley	1912.....	C. H. Woods
1892.....	W. T. Sumner	1912.....	C. McCallum
1894.....	W. G. Roe	1912.....	V. Rensberry
1895.....	J. A. Spencer	1913.....	W. A. Knight
1897.....	S. J. Reed	1914.....	A. W. Pickard
1897.....	W. J. Jackson	1915.....	R. E. Crouch
1897.....	A. J. Stevens	1915.....	H. E. Leininger
1897.....	J. P. Burdett	1915.....	W. J. Cross
1897.....	W. J. Hallead	1915.....	C. E. King
1900.....	A. A. York	1916.....	A. L. Brown
1902.....	A. D. Warren	1916.....	H. L. Howell
1902.....	M. E. Howard	1916.....	G. E. Rouse
1904.....	E. B. Call	1916.....	W. D. Kingsley, Jr.
1904.....	J. H. McMillan	1917.....	F. D. Voller
1905.....	C. E. Caswell	1917.....	R. E. Smith
1908.....	H. Barnes	1917.....	C. Weiman
1909.....	M. W. Hoyt		

LOCAL PREACHERS

John Wood,	William Blagdon,	Albert Clary,
J. R. Garnett,	C. E. Burt,	A. E. Soldan,
Elias Roberts,	H. E. Woodard,	Clarence Angus,
Henry Anderson,	Vincent Dean,	Adam Hart,
David Haight,	John DeWitt,	Arthur Arnold,
A. H. Matthews,	William Sheren,	C. H. Oaks,
D. A. VanNatter,	Henry Powell,	Moses Powell,
John Bartle,	Chester A. Walter,	L. E. Freeman,
S. H. McCallum,	E. M. King,	Eli Richard,
Bert Augsburg,	Lynn Scofield,	L. J. Stiles,
Thomas Jenkinson,	George Lonsbury,	Robert Hall,
A. E. Briggs,	Frank Clifford,	John Tyrell,
Andrew Tyrell,	H. C. Hammond,	William Ragan,
William Middaugh,	William Reid,	Laverne Morgan,
Arthur Haight,	George Southwell,	

ANNUAL CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Lana Haller,	Lydia E. Briggs,	Abbie Morrish,
Moses Smith,	Martha Cantley,	Jane Wilson,
Emma L. Brown,	Nellie Morgan,	Vinnie Caswell,
Eunice Doolittle,	Mary Hosmer,	

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Nettie Jones,
Cora Dell Dietz,
Elizabeth Unsworth,
Minnie Rouse,
Mary Middaugh,

Edith Burse,
Ella J. Hygema,
Anna Hosmer,
Loretta Salmon,
Cornelia Bensinger.

Elizabeth Stubbs,
Anna H. Tannehill,
Nora King,
Daisy King.

MISCELLANEOUS

The thirty-fourth session of the East Michigan annual conference was held in McCurdy Park, Corunna, Michigan, August 22-26, 1917. In the absence of Bishop William Pearce, Rev. D. S. Warner presided. The conference ordered that a sum equal to thirty cents a member be raised for conference missions this year, out of which the following appropriations were made: South Lyon and Silver Lake, \$25; Montrose, \$50; Marine City, \$25; Arenac and Whitefeather, \$25; Ithaca, \$25; Lum and Burnside, \$60; Caro and Akron, \$25; Hillman and Spratt, \$25; Racy, Fergus and Brant, \$25; Carsonville, \$25; Bay City district elder, \$25; Mt. Forest, \$25; Robert Parker, \$104.65.

TREASURER'S REPORT

CASH ON HAND, SEPTEMBER 1, 1916—\$3.00.
CASH IN CONFERENCE LIBRARY FUND—\$5.07.
INTEREST FOR YEAR—\$4.74.
GENERAL MISSIONS—Apportioned and paid, \$313.95.
CHURCH EXTENSION—Apportioned and paid, \$209.30.
PERMANENT FUND—Apportioned and paid, \$104.65.
GENERAL CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT—Apportioned and paid, \$41.86.
BISHOPS' SALARIES—Apportioned and paid, \$376.74.
CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND—Apportioned, \$1,046.50; paid, \$1,080.00.
CONFERENCE MISSIONS—Apportioned and paid, \$523.25.
R. PARKER FUND—Apportioned and paid, \$104.65.
POSTAGE, STATIONERY AND TREASURER'S SALARY—Paid, \$14.00.
PERMANENT ENDOWMENT FUND—Paid, \$10.00.
CHILDREN'S FUND—Paid, \$54.19.
EDUCATIONAL FUND—Paid, \$8.17.
FOREIGN MISSIONS—Paid, \$34.13.
SELF-DENIAL—Paid, \$8.10.
ANNUAL CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT—Paid, \$111.38.
TO PUBLISH THE MINUTES—Paid, \$68.55.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

ST. JOHN'S DISTRICT—\$888.41.
FLINT DISTRICT—\$772.50.
BAY CITY DISTRICT—\$761.94.
PORT HURON DISTRICT—\$393.23.
TOTAL—\$2,816.08.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON THE STATE OF THE WORK

FLINT DISTRICT.—Another conference year has rolled into eternity. Our record for the year is made. We cannot change it if we would, but in considering the work done on the Flint district, we are led to occasions of both praise and disappointment. We regret that we have not made more progress than we have, yet we are thankful for what has been accomplished. For the most part pastors have been their own evangelists, and during the winter

faithful revival efforts have been made on almost all the circuits, with varied degrees of success.

This has been a year of extraordinary events, and there have been many things to challenge the faith of both preachers and people. Wars, rumors of wars, high cost of living, have plunged the nation in a state of unrest. A number of the preachers have been on weak circuits, and both preacher and people have felt keenly the financial strain. Because of this some of the preachers have been compelled to turn their hands to secular work to support their families. Yet we see no disposition on their part to deviate from the old paths, and the members and also the more prosperous circuits have done what they could to hold up their hands.

The camp meeting held at Lum was an encouragement to both the preacher and circuit. Brother A. J. Stevens kindly consented to preside. His services were much appreciated by the district. Thirty-five seekers were at the altar during the meeting, most of whom received a definite experience.

There has been some improvement of church property over the district. At Flint First church the old windows have been taken out of the church and replaced with good, modern windows and the church has been papered throughout. Total cost, \$175.00, all of which is paid. The money has been raised to clear the indebtedness on the parsonage at the Second church, Flint. A new window has been put in, and new steps built at the back porch. It has all been nicely painted outside. A bath tub and lavatory have been installed in the bath room, and a gas heater and thirty-gallon galvanized tank in the cellar. Sunday-school rooms have been built in the church basement. At Otisville the parsonage has been papered and some painting and varnishing has been done. Twenty-five dollars has been raised toward shingling the church. At Durand the old barn has been torn down and replaced with a very neat, roomy, durable, new one. At Saginaw the parsonage has all been neatly papered except one room, and new screens placed at the windows. New front doors have been placed on the church. At Germany a lot has been added to the parsonage property for a garden spot, and a new fence placed around it. The church ceiling has been papered and a new carpet placed in the front part and on the rostrum.

We held all our quarterly meetings until April 8th, at which time we were forced because of failing health to retire from active service. The preachers willingly and cheerfully supplied the work for the remainder of the year.

It would be impossible for words to express how much we have appreciated their assistance, sympathy and prayers. May God bless the preachers and people of the Flint district, and may the coming year be one of victory and success in the salvation of souls.

H. BARNES.

ST. JOHNS DISTRICT.—The St. Johns district has been manned the last year with a number of consecrated, godly preachers, who have labored and sacrificed untiringly for the advancement of the cause of God, and consequently we have had an unusually good year. At St. Johns the preacher, possessed of a most excellent spirit, has labored both by pastoral calling and caring for the church property to advance the cause of Christ. At Ovid and Elsie we have two societies, both of which are taking advanced ground. At Elsie there has been a good revival resulting in nine accessions to the church. An electric lighting plant along with a most thorough renovation of the interior of the church has added greatly to the appearance of the property at the above point. The church at Ovid has also received a much needed improvement by way of two coats of paint. At Ithaca the work is in fair condition, both as regards to spiritual and temporal things. The pastor, although hindered greatly by sickness of her helper, has worked steadily on and will give a good report, no doubt, of the work at the above point. The camp meeting held at this point was owned of God. We had the privilege of having Rev. A. D. Zahniser with us a portion of the time. He was greatly helped of God in preaching the truth. We had the best local attendance the writer ever witnessed at a district camp meeting. A goodly number were saved and sanc-

tified, for which we praise the Lord and give Him the glory. At Porter the work is in good condition. A number have been saved and sanctified. The pastor reports a year of victory. On the Wheeler and Bethany circuit there was a good revival during the winter months held at Wheeler, making North Wheeler one of the strong points on the district. The pastor has been incessant in labor and his work has received appreciation from the circuit and from God. At Owosso and Corunna the work is in excellent condition. We have had a good year and the spiritual tide is increasing constantly. The ten days' meeting in Owosso with Rev. A. D. Zahniser as special help was owned of God. Many are regretting the fact of the removal of the pastor by limitation of time. At New Haven and Lennon the work shows signs of earnest labor. The pastor and people we believe have done what they could to bring men and women to God. At Lansing the work is in excellent condition, both in a spiritual and numerical sense. The membership has nearly doubled. The finances are well cared for. Over \$1,400 has been raised during the year for indebtedness, pastor's salary, etc. Truly God has visited Lansing. The tabernacle meeting held in midsummer by General Conference Evangelist Rev. A. D. Zahniser was owned of God. A number sought the Lord for pardon or purity. The work at South Lyon has suffered by the people moving away, until there is nothing left but the church property. At Silver Lake we have a small society, but they have great zeal for the cause of God. It would be hard to find a society of its size in the conference that give as much pro rata as they do. At Williamston and Webberville the pastor held around three months of revival effort, resulting in the conversion of souls at both points. Substantial repairs have been made on both church and parsonage property, both having received two coats of paint. A spirit of liberality prevails on the circuit, both in home and foreign mission work. Nearly \$300 has been raised for the W. F. M. S.

At Dansville the work is in good condition. There has been an increase of membership. The finances are in good condition. Nearly \$1,000 was raised during the year for the local work and various benevolences of the church. The district quarterly meeting held there during the early spring was an inspiration and encouragement to all who attended. Rev. D. S. Warner was with us throughout the meeting and was helped of the Lord in preaching the word. At Fergus on the Racy, Brant and Brady circuit, the new church is well under way toward completion. The last quarterly meeting, we are informed, was the best of the year. There is much territory for the pastor to cover on this circuit and consequently this is a serious handicap, but there has been earnest and steady effort to "push the business of Jesus."

At Locke and Perry the Lord has not forgotten to be gracious. During the winter months a good revival was held at Perry, resulting in the salvation of a number of souls. There have been a number that have moved away from the Locke point, but we understand that the membership on the whole has not decreased numerically. The pastor has been in labors abundant. Many are regretting the fact of his having to leave on account of the time limit. At Livingston and Deer Creek the pastor has labored with his characteristic energy and the work is in good condition. There has been earnest and constant effort to reach the unsaved. Much good seed has been sown, from which we believe will come an abundant harvest.

On the whole we have had a good year on the St. Johns district, for which we are devoutly thankful to God.

THE DISTRICT ELDER MAN'S WIFE

It was our Brother Lutz that wrote—
And if you'll allow me, from him I'll quote:

"Of all the church jobs, great and small,
The district elder's beats them all.
For pure delight and pleasure rare
There's nothing like it anywhere.

" 'Tis great to take a midnight train
And wait at stations in the rain;
Then read upon the schedule slate,
'Two hours and fifty minutes late.'

" 'Tis fine to reach your destined place,
And there to greet no welcome face;
Then tote your grips for more'n a mile,
And as you travel sing and smile."

While you talk of the man
Who, with grip in his hand,
Spends so much of his time on the road,
You forget perhaps to say,
How through each weary day
His wife stays within their abode.

May the Lord be his guide
That no harm may betide
Is her prayer as she kneels by her bed.
While her husband's away,
Through each weary, long day,
Many prayers for his welfare she's said.

There she waits all alone
In the confines of home
For the Monday night train to arrive.
Then she welcomes him home,
With true love in her tone,
And she thanks the good Lord he's alive.

While we talk of the man,
Who with grip in his hand,
Keeps the work on his district ablaze,
Let us think of his wife,
And her lonely home life,
And let's give her a share of the praise.

A. J. STEVENS.

BAY CITY DISTRICT.—We are devoutly thankful to Almighty God for His loving kindness and tender mercy which He has so graciously shown toward us as a district and conference during the past year. The past year has been one of conflict and victory. The brethren in the ministry, with but few exceptions, have been loyal to their calling and have faced the hardships and storms and conflicts without a single complaint. While the high cost of living has brought added sacrifices to these noble men of God, yet notwithstanding this they have faced and grappled with the situation and have come through without a single murmur. This we think bespeaks deep consecration and abandonment to God, in the face of all that the world calls great.

Several successful revival meetings have been held on the district during the year, and as a result a goodly number have united with the church. A blessed spirit of love and harmony has prevailed both among the ministry and laity. The standard as set by our fathers has been upheld and there seems to have been no disposition to compromise with the world. When we consider that we as a church are in opposition to all the forces of evil and have a peculiar place to fill in the religious world, to see how we have advanced our work in many places is gratifying indeed, and it is certainly a marvel that we exist at all, when we consider that we are at issue with all religious shams and worldly compromise. But we have a particular work to do, which makes us to differ from many so-called religious bodies. As a denomination

we were raised up to spread Scriptural holiness as far as our influence shall reach, and as long as we do the work that God has called us to do, we shall do well and succeed. The preachers have been abundant in labors, which we trust will not be in vain. The quarterly meetings have usually been blessed with the Spirit's presence and our general gatherings have been quite well attended and, we believe, have been a great means of blessing and grace. We held two camp meetings this year on the district, one in June at Wilson on the Wilson and Rayburn circuit. This meeting proved to be a success and was signally owned of God. The preachers were faithful in the declaration of divine truth and were much helped in preaching the word. Rev. C. McCallum was with us at the June camp meeting and rendered efficient help in preaching the unsearchable riches of Christ and his labors were greatly appreciated both by the ministry and laity. The August camp meeting, held on the permanent camp ground at Arenac, proved to be a blessing in quickening the church and in the sanctification of believers. We had the pleasure of having Rev. William V. Miller, of Spring Arbor, with us during a part of this meeting. God wonderfully helped Brother Miller in preaching the Word and all enjoyed his humble manner and godly instructions. The church property on most of the circuits has been repaired where needed and the property is in quite good condition on most of the circuits.

It is with a sense of pleasure that we close the year of labor and take a retrospect of the past three years and see how the Lord has preserved us and given us grace and physical strength to do the work assigned by conference, also to know that the preachers have nearly all received us warmly and all the dear pilgrims have appreciated our feeble efforts and have stood by us nobly with their prayers and means. At this time there is a sense of sadness creeps over us as we feel that perhaps we shall be separated in our future work in the Redeemer's cause, yet our hearts are made to rejoice when we remember that suffering saints have one common mercy-seat around which they may meet and pour out their supplications, and we feel that although we asunder part yet can we feel each other's cares and be joined in one spirit and hope to meet again.

PORT HURON DISTRICT.—I was returned to the Port Huron district last conference. It consists of twelve circuits, and lies up in the Thumb. We have had a pleasant year. Some souls have been saved at our quarterly meetings, and there have been some good revivals on the district. On the Mayville and Rich circuit the pastor, J. A. Kelly, had a good revival with a number of accessions to the church. On the Snover circuit, the pastor, A. A. York, had a good revival at Noko. At Sandusky the pastor, C. McCallum, held a revival a number of weeks with success. Some souls were saved. At the Ball church, on the Yale and Ball circuit, the pastor, L. Morgan, held a very good revival, with some good work done. At Uby the pastor, J. J. Morrish, held a meeting a number of weeks with good results. At Port Huron the pastor, Vernon Dean, had a very good year and a number of souls were converted. The ministers on the district, most of them, have been abundant in labors. Some have been somewhat crippled on account of financial pressure, having to turn aside for a time to other labors. Most of them have been blest with good health, both themselves and their families, with the exception of Brother Hallead's wife, who has been in very poor health all the year, crippling him somewhat in his labors, but the circuit stood by him nobly in his afflictions, paying his salary in full. We held one district camp meeting on the Mayville and Rich circuit, at the Rich appointment, commencing June 26 and closing July 5. It came in a very wet time, such heavy rains that one of the good brethren had his team and wagon at the road to meet the people, carrying them to the grounds. In spite of all the wet weather we had a very good attendance and there were sixty who bowed at the altar during the camp meeting. Some received grand experiences and some who had never made an effort to seek before were soundly converted. Professor Miller, of Spring Arbor, was with us part of the time and rendered us great assistance. Brother T. B. Arnold dropped in

on us for a few days and preached one stirring sermon. He was greatly helped of the Lord and a number came to the altar and prayed through to victory. Brother Arnold was taken sick so that he was unable to preach again. Sister Everhart was with us for a short time, giving us a very interesting talk concerning her mission in Chicago, afterwards raising quite an amount to assist her in her work. The preachers on the district were also helped in preaching the truth. Brother Kelley, assisted by A. A. York, held a tent meeting for one week before the camp meeting started, preparing the way for the camp meeting. At Carsonville the pastor, C. McCallum, succeeded in finishing the new church which was started last year, and in connection with our first district quarterly meeting the church was dedicated by J. T. Logan, editor of the *Free Methodist*. The amount necessary to be raised to meet the indebtedness was raised in a very few minutes and the church was dedicated to our heavenly Father. At Marine City there has been a very desirable change made in the church property. They sold the old church property, which was badly dilapidated, roof leaking badly and the foundation giving away. They got a chance to sell it to the Young Men's Christian Association, and used the money to purchase a good, substantial brick block on a much more desirable street, situated on Broadway, with a fine parsonage in connection with it, with water and electric lights and perhaps \$250 worth of plumbing in it. This was through the efforts of R. M. Hockaday and his people. They have the property all paid for but \$750 and \$250 of that is provided for. They expect at the dedication to raise the \$500 easily. We might just say that the property was bought so cheap that we were offered \$200 more than we gave for it. At Harbor Beach the pastor, W. Middaugh, has made some nice improvements about the church property, building cement walks in front of the church, likewise some improvements on the parsonage, having put a foundation under it with other improvements. On the Memphis circuit they have made some improvements, fixing over the sheds. On the Yale and Ball circuit, the Ball church was papered anew, giving it a very nice appearance. My preachers have treated me very kindly, rendering me any assistance I have needed in supplying quarterly meetings. Brother H. Burse has been very poorly the latter part of the year. You were all aware that he was granted evangelistic relation last conference. As soon as he could arrange, he went to work, but later in the year, while holding a meeting in a new place, his health began to fail and he had to close. Since then he has not been able to work. I hope that all will pray for him and as you can assist him financially. The Lord has been very good to me, and I have felt at different times the power of God on my soul. I thank God for giving me strength of body for the performance of my duties. With the exception of being afflicted with the hay fever in the fall for a time, I have been comparatively well, for which I thank the Lord.

H. VOORHIES.

II.—ON REFORMS

Since sin has entered into the world, bringing its train of blight and ruin, grievous evils have existed—evils which if left unopposed would forever sink men into perdition.

The church of God has in all ages been called upon to champion the cause of her founder and should take the forefront of the battle against all that is opposed to God and the welfare of His creatures. We believe the Free Methodist church to be a divinely appointed organization for carrying a gospel of full salvation to all the world. We have taken our position in the forefront in the past and must not now remove the ancient landmarks.

We would briefly reaffirm our position as a church as unequivocally opposed to the great evils that are so common in these days. We are pleased to note the progress made in recent years by the temperance forces, and we should still wage war against this mighty foe, rum, until it is forever abolished from our fair land.

We still stand eternally opposed to oath-bound secret societies, and while

the brood is multiplied on every hand, making it still more difficult to get people saved and separated from the world, we must faithfully warn the people of the evils of these institutions and take the same uncompromising position our fathers took.

Then there is Romanism with its slimy coils encircling our American institutions and bidding fair to rob us of our fair and glorious liberty, purchased at so great a cost in the years that have gone by. Our ministers should everywhere raise a warning voice and as far as possible assist those who are seeking to awake the sleepers of our land to the menace that threatens our free institutions.

The divorce evil looms up among the greatest evils of our land and our ministers should everywhere enforce the apostle's command, "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers" (2 Cor. 6:14). Sabbath breaking has become so common that we are liable to look upon it as an incurable malady and neglect to sound an alarm as we should. The Lord has said, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." The man of God who keeps God's day holy is deeply grieved to see such desecration of the Sabbath day and if true to his Christ will warn men everywhere that God has fixed a penalty to every broken law. We as a church should draw the line on Sabbath observance very closely among ourselves and be an example to the church and world around us. In the present times of stress of nations while the nations of the world are locked in deadly strife and our own beloved America has been drawn into the conflict, the church of Christ has a work to perform and should everywhere manifest the spirit of Christ and keep in mind the fact that God is our Father and we are brethren and while, for a time, we are compelled to experience the bitterness of war, yet we must still love our enemies and manifest good-will toward all men.

We stand opposed to all that is opposed to God and His kingdom and must continue to wage war against the powers of darkness until the kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of our Lord and Christ.

As a holiness church we must be alert and watch against evils that would encroach upon us and destroy our spirituality and power. The apostle says, "Speak evil of no man," and again, "The tongue can no man tame. It is an unruly evil and full of deadly poison." How prevalent has this evil become and how common is the sin of evil surmising, evil speaking, envy, malice, etc., all of which effectually clog the channel of divine grace, and rob the church of spiritual power.

Looseness in paying vows and meeting our obligations cripples our influence and destroys the good work we desire to have accomplished. Immorality is on the increase and we are confident that the undermining of the health and happiness of the youth of our land is due largely to the indecent modes of dress prescribed by dame fashion. Extravagant and senseless fashion sweeps down upon us, outraging beauty, impoverishing the pocket-book, inviting lust, and wasting time and driving the multitudes to swift and sure ruin. Some among us can scarcely resist the demands of this tyrant and we find them lengthening and shortening, putting on and taking off, according to the senseless demands of this tyrant. All superfluity of dress on the one hand and scarcity on the other hand should be carefully avoided by our people. The heavenly vision brings with it a heavenly pattern and when the outward apparel corresponds with the heavenly pattern, it will also conform to the inward adorning of the meek and quiet spirit, which in the sight of God is of great price. Pride manifests itself in various forms, but is always the same, opposed to God, and if permitted to dwell in the heart will dethrone Christ. God gives it no quarter, neither should we as His people.

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ST. JOHNS AND FLINT DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers and Evangelists	Copies of "Tree Methodist"	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Schools (Number Enrolled)	Members in Home Department	Names on Cradle Roll	Total Enrollment	General Conference (Assessed Children)	Foreign Missions	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Educational Fund	Raised for Sunday School Expenses
St. Johns District																	
St. Johns, So. Ovid and Eurek	A. J. Stevens, D. E.	21		21		4	1	11	40			51	\$ 25 95	\$ 25 00	\$.36 69	\$.	\$ 35 03
Elsie and Ovid	James Fuller	47	7	54		2	2	19	120			139	44 80	8 10			52 98
Ithaca and Ovid	A. W. Ragatz	29	3	32		1	1	9	50			59	20 39	20 00			56 00
Rac, Fergus, Brant and Brady	Jessie Weiman	22	1	23		1	1	7	31			38	92 00	20 00			15 00
Ovasso and Coruna	Claud Weiman	78	4	82		22	2	19	100			119	76 00	2 68	66 57		78 76
New Haven and Lennou	W. J. Jackson	34		34		13	1	15	65			80	32 00	10 00	39 00	36 00	40 00
Lock and Perry	Victor Rensberry	58		58		15	14	80	130			147	85 00	35 10	19 12		47 03
Williamston and Webberville	C. H. Woods	89	5	94		24	2	17	130			147	85 00	4 00	348 88	3 00	68 80
Dansville	T. J. McCarty	44		44		10	1	12	75			87	40 18	21 69	30 00		32 14
South Lyon and Silver Lake	M. D. Ormston	60	7	67		1	1	3	118			149	20 30	18 00	23 72	1 00	43 84
Porter	M. DeVoiat	21		21		4	2	16	23			31	31 00	5 00	25 30		14 87
Bedford and Wheeler	R. E. Crouch	54	3	57		3	2	10	69			85	76 00		19 76		19 30
Livingston	J. H. Mullan	32	1	33		9	1	10	50		6	66	35 00		11 00		40 00
	M. P. Haller																39 00
Flint District																	
Flint, First Church	Herbert Barnes, D. E.	61	2	63		15	1	14	82		8	104	69 10	9 55	87 65		74 91
Flint, Second Church	S. H. Porterfield	107	6	113		32	1	15	234		29	278	90 00	145 21	143 41		157 90
West Flint and Linden	H. E. Leininger	32		32		2	2	15	53			68	31 20		10 00		25 00
Durand and Swartz Creek	A. L. Brown	30	1	31		1	1	9	40		34	83	28 00	4 40	49 69		43 98
Davidson, Cobb and Bassett	J. W. Anderson	33		33		10	2	14	15			26	48 00		126 07		40 00
Oakville	E. S. Ball	25		25		4	1	10	40			50	42 00	7 00	10 00		27 70
Montrose, Hazelton and Clio	E. S. Bruff	25	1	26		4	1	10	40			50	42 00	7 00	10 00		27 70
Germany	D. E. Deuch	27	1	28		4	1	10	40			50	42 00	7 00	10 00		27 70
Concord and Amy	E. Willert	50	4	54		9	2	12	150		12	174	49 00		66 11		50 00
Washington, Ray and Romeo	Marshall W. Hoyt	14		14		1	1	4	15			19	22 00		116 51		106 51
Hadley, Brandon and Oxford	H. Barnes	19		19		4	1	4	15			19	22 00				15 00
Saginaw	John McClung	28	7	35		16	1	10	40			50	32 00	14 50	27 81		15 00
Lum and Burnside	J. F. King	15	2	17		5	2	10	30			40	15 80		4 10		12 63

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CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers and Evangelists	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Sunday School	Officers and Teachers	Scholars (Number Enrolled)	Members in Home Department	Names on Cradle Roll	Total Enrollment	General Conference (Assessed Claims) Total Only	Foreign Missions	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Educational Fund	Raised for Sunday School Expenses
Port Huron District																	
Port Huron	Hiram Voorhes, D. E.	34	5	39	2	6	1	9	65			74	\$ 28 00	\$ 91 22	\$ 3 50	\$	\$ 49 95
Marine City, Kimball and China	G. R. Hockaday	27	1	28	3	13	1	12	65			77	31 20	12 00			15 00
Marine and Ball	James J. Morrish	79	3	82	1	7	2	17	88			65	33 80				33 21
Wendrop	James J. Warren	40	6	46	1	6	2	19	132			104	42 00	24 45			50 00
Swamp	C. J. McCallister	19	1	20	1	1	1	2	132			133	26 74				72 88
Elmer and Lynch	G. J. Chalker	79	15	94	1	15	3	21	130			151	73 00				38 00
Snover, Argyle and Neko	Arthur A. York	18	3	21	1	13	1	7	88			95	78 00				124 47
Harbor Beach and Town Line	W. and M. Middaugh	79	3	82	2	13	1	17	132			133	19 00				10 41
Bad Axe, Uby and Meade	James J. Morrish	53	1	54	1	5	2	11	50			61	40 20	19 00			50 00
Willmot, Novesta, Evergreen and Cass City	W. J. Hallead	17	2	19	1	10	2	13	90			13	146	15 36			23 75
Caro and Akron	A. O. Griffin	48	2	50	1	7	1	8	80			90	16 00				18 40
Mayville and Rich	J. A. Kelley	37	1	38	2	7	2	9	50			60	35 00	13 00			61 88
Bay City District																	
Bay City, East Side and West Side	C. E. Caswell, D. E.	37	1	38	2	7	2	9	50			60	35 00	13 00			36 81
Midland	F. D. Voller	28	3	31	1	5	1	7	75			82	20 00				28 00
Irasha, No. Bradley, Coleman, Fraser, Keweenaw and Bryon	H. E. Wood	29	2	31	1	5	1	7	75			82	30 00	1 25			30 00
Glavin and West Groat	Charles W. Oaks	24	4	28	1	4	2	11	73			80	24 02	1 20			33 00
Highwood, Mt. Forest, Cherry Hill	James A. Phillips	26	3	29	2	5	2	12	60			87	25 00				38 63
Indian Mission	W. D. Kingsley, Jr.	10	2	12	4	4	3	10	100			116	14 00				5 00
Arenac, Whitefeather, Standish	Adam Hart	27	8	35	1	12	3	20	150			170	35 00	8 24			55 00
Hockaday, Sherman and Leiton	S. R. Whims	71	10	81	2	12	5	17	125			142	80 00				100 00
Maple Ridge, Melita, Prescott	J. J. Hygena	44	1	45	2	6	5	30	100			130	43 80	14 00			70 00
Nestor, Sileam and Sage	W. A. Knight	40	4	44	1	3	2	13	65			78	30 00				25 00
West Branch, Campbell's Corners and Edwards	S. J. Reed	38	3	41	3	13	2	16	100			116	30 00				28 24
Rose City and Lupton	A. Thompson	32	8	40	4	13	1	19	100			116	30 00				25 00
Apina and Baybarn	A. J. House	32	8	40	4	13	1	19	100			116	30 00				25 00
Walton and Waverly	W. J. Coates	18	14	32	1	1	1	5	27			32	18 00	10 00			19 63
Willmot, Novesta, Evergreen and Cass City	C. E. Caswell	2061	188	2244	72	380	87	634	3755	58	166	4613	\$2127 91	\$ 576 25	\$ 2061 00	\$63 65	\$2165 92
Hillman and Spratt	C. E. Deitz	18	14	32	1	1	1	5	27			32	18 00	10 00			19 63
Total		2061	188	2244	72	380	87	634	3755	58	166	4613	\$2127 91	\$ 576 25	\$ 2061 00	\$63 65	\$2165 92

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CHARGE	Raised in Sunday School for Foreign Missions	Raised for Children's Fund	Raised for General Conference S. S. Board	Raised for Annual Conference Sunday School Board	Raised in Sunday School for All Other Benevolences	Total Amount Raised in Sunday School	Conferences Missions	Pastors' Support	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Support	Evangelists' Support	Incidentals	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
Port Huron District																
Port Huron	\$ 4 75	\$.	\$.	\$.	\$14 83	68 53	7 00	\$ 426 00	96	\$ 48 00	\$.	74 13	1	1200	1	\$ 1300
Marine City, Kimball and China		13 03			1 01	13 00	7 75	300 00	68	40 00		185 37	2	1300	2	1300
Yale and Bail					30 00	47 50	10 50	226 36	72	54 00	11 00	185 37	2	1300	2	1300
Memphis						29 40	8 25	573 26	72	64 00	3 55	135 80	1	2400	1	1000
Sandusky, Briel and Carsonville.		1 82				18 40	6 50	246 48	50	40 00	2 05	1113 02	2	3700	2	1000
Elmer and Lynch and Niles.					15 03	139 50	18 25	608 50	72	90 00		5 00	1	2000	1	800
Steger, Eagle and Niles.						10 41	4 75	198 68	96	30 00	10 00	82 05	2	3000	2	1000
Hepler, Briel and Town Line.					12 00	71 00	19 50	573 82	84	70 00		495 00	2	2500	2	2600
Bad Axe, Uby and Meade.		3 00														
Wilmet, Norexia, Evergreen and Cass City.						23 75	10 25	430 00	60	55 50		47 60	1	3000	1	1000
Caro and Akron.	2 47	8 20				29 07	4 00	338 20	48	28 00	15 00	202 25	2	1000	2	800
Mayville and Rich.	11 17				3 00	76 05	11 25	728 98	125	58 00	31 64	202 25	2	4000	2	1200
Bay City District																
Bay City, East Side and West Side						36 81	8 75	383 09	50	50 00		584 45	2	2500	2	1800
Midland and Sanford.						38 00	5 00	547 95	132	32 00	8 00	317 90	1	1100	1	1100
Luman, No. Bradley.						30 00		292 67	33	40 00		15 00	2	1600	2	800
Praser, Kawarwin and Bryon.		4 50				29 50	6 00	295 07	60	34 00		17 10	2	2500	2	900
Chapman and West.						35 00		350 00			10 50	158 00	1	2400	1	800
Highland, Mt. Forest, Cherry Hill		1 78			6 00	46 41	6 25	373 41	27	32 00	13 00	59 72	2	2000	2	
Indian Mission																
Arenac, Whitefeather, Standish.						5 00	3 50	324 32		24 00		11 20	2	1200	2	1500
Hockaday, Sherman and Leiton.						55 00		350 00	70	48 00	23 50	40 00	1	2500	1	1500
Maple Ridge, Melita, Prescott.						100 09	20 00	443 18	96	56 00	8 54	69 28	1	2400	1	1500
Neslor, Siloam and Sage.						70 00	11 00	419 23	84	32 00		181 45	1	3600	1	500
West Branch, Campbell's Corners and Edwards						95 00		300 00	84	33 00		12 00	3	2700	3	650
Rose City and Lupton.						28 24	11 50	329 34	60	40 00	10 00	45 89	2	2000	2	1000
Alpena	2 78	1 72			15 00	59 62	17 25	575 50	72	48 00	26 00	537 45	1	2500	1	1200
Alpena and Ravenna.						19 62	8 00	408 00	48	52 00	37 27	15 00	2	1000	2	700
Wilket, Walshe and Onaway													1	1000	1	250
Hillman and Spratt.							4 50	270 27		24 00		25 15	1	500	1	
Total.	\$ 48 41	\$84 92	\$7 35	\$.	384 00	\$2690 60	\$458 10	\$22901 86	\$ 4180	\$2492 25	\$ 340 04	11959 37	96	\$131900	81	\$56100

KANSAS CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Forty-eighth Annual Session, held
at Emporia, Kansas, August 15-19, 1917

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On Education—Edward C. Lindley, J. E. Hulet, A. H. Faley.

On Reforms—J. P. Dowd, J. A. Chaney, Etta E. Chillson.

On Publications—A. L. Crumley, W. I. Smith, Nellie Haskin.

On Sunday-schools—Charles H. Watson, H. S. Dye, E. W. Cleland, X. Atchison.

On Charities—J. S. Ogg, E. N. Cobb, F. V. Ingersol.

On Quarterly Conference Records—A. L. Crumley, P. J. Postlewait, Charles Bess.

On Collecting Funds to Publish the Minutes—P. J. Postlewait.

To Publish the Minutes—Edwin R. Ford, J. P. Dowd.

On Press Correspondence—Edward C. Lindley, Nellie Haskin.

On Resolutions—J. P. Dowd.

Auditing Committee—L. Glenn Lewis, F. D. Rixse.

On Claimants and Claims—John S. MacGeary, J. L. Phillippi, Edward C. Lindley, F. V. Ingersol, F. D. Rixse.

On Aggressive Evangelism—J. S. Ogg, G. I. Winans, Josaphyne Lowe, Tressa M. Harris.

On Missions and Missionary Appropriations—John S. MacGeary, J. L. Phillippi, Edward C. Lindley, Edwin R. Ford, F. V. Ingersol, F. D. Rixse, M. Kibbler.

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President, Etta E. Chillson, Alma, Kansas; first vice-president, Mrs. L. A. Crumley, Solomon, Kansas; second vice-president, Mrs. Lillian Smith, Talmadge, Kansas; corresponding secretary, Addie Baird, Manhattan, Kansas; recording secretary, Nellie Haskin, Michigau Valley, Kansas; treasurer, Mrs. Frances Jones, R. R. No. 2, Emporia, Kansas; Junior superintendent, Mrs. Lillian Smith; librarian, Mrs. Anna McIntyre, Caldwell, Kansas.

ADDRESSES

J. S. MacGeary, conference president, 1132 Washington boulevard, Chicago, Illinois; J. P. Dowd, conference treasurer, Minneapolis, Kansas; Edwin R. Ford, conference secretary, 1216 East 8th street, Topeka, Kansas; Mrs. Frances Jones, W. F. M. S. treasurer, Route No. 2, Emporia, Kansas; Chas. H. Watson, Sunday-school secretary, 1146½ Connecticut street, Lawrence, Kansas; L. Glenn Lewis, railroad secretary, McPherson, Kansas; Edward C. Lindley, conference evangelistic board secretary, 516 Harter street, Winfield, Kansas; H. S. Dye, conference evangelistic board treasurer, 600 S. Chestnut street, McPherson, Kansas.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund; second quarter, General Missions, Conference Missions (15 cents), Sunday-school Fund (5 cents); third quarter, Bishops' Salaries, Foreign Missions, Conference Entertainment (15 cents); fourth quarter, Church Extension, Aggressive Evangelism (15 cents), Permanent Fund, General Conference Entertainment, General Conference Delegates' Expenses.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

J. A. Manning,	A. Neil,	A. S. Ford,
G. I. Winans,	J. L. Phillippi,	William Buchanan,
J. A. Chaney,	S. V. Coe,	H. S. Dye,
D. B. Williams,	R. B. Sherwood,	J. S. Ogg,
A. L. Crumley,	Charles N. Root,	Edwin R. Ford,
H. J. Whitney,	J. L. Boettcher,	Luke Scriptor,
C. H. Southworth,	P. J. Postlewait,	L. Glenn Lewis,
Edward C. Lindley,	M. L. Wilkinson,	X. Atchison,
J. E. Hulet,	C. A. Stoll,	J. P. Dowd,
B. H. Kiper,	J. L. Dodge,	W. I. Smith,
G. W. Sluthour,	A. J. Mendenhall,	J. E. Overholt,
Nellie Haskin,	Etta E. Chillson,	S. L. Crouch,
E. N. Cobb,		

DELEGATES

George Lenkard,	C. E. Bess,	Tressa M. Harris,
Josaphyne Lowe,	George Addams,	Ella V. Jewell,
B. F. Harmon,	Rebecca E. Hedges,	F. V. Ingersol,

DELEGATES—Continued

E. W. Cleland,	Minerva Hastings,	Nellie Lindley,
Edw. Humerickhouse,	Myrtle Matthews,	Carrie Fahrimg.
Mary Allerman,	Mary D. Woodford,	W. S. Place,
T. D. North,	C. A. Liggett,	F. D. Rixse,
Mary Bales,	A. H. Faley,	Paul Hamilton,
M. Kibbler,	J. S. Marcellus,	Edna Knisely,
Roy Shannon,	Maggie Cossey,	Maude Eisenhauer.

2. Who are the stationing committee? John S. MacGeary, J. L. Phillippi, Edward C. Lindley, Edwin R. Ford, F. D. Rixse, F. V. Ingersol, M. Kibbler.
3. What preachers are admitted on trial? None.
4. Who remain on trial? J. W. Myer, F. E. Bonham, A. C. Tanner, J. M. Reid, Charles H. Watson.
5. Who are admitted into full connection? None.
6. Who are the deacons? R. B. Sherwood, D. B. Williams, J. L. Boettcher, P. J. Postlewait, H. J. Whitney, Nellie Haskin, Etta E. Chillson, G. W. Sluthour, A. J. Mendenhall, E. N. Cobb.
7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? None.
8. Who have located this year? None.
9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? J. A. Chaney, J. W. Myer, Etta E. Chillson, J. L. Dodge, H. J. Whitney.
10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? R. B. Sherwood, J. A. Manning, A. S. Ford, M. L. Wilkinson, C. H. Southworth, Luke Scripser.
11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? C. A. Stoll, an elder from the Iowa conference.
12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.
13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer? J. E. Hulet, to the Wabash conference; G. W. Sluthour, Washington conference; Gilbert A. Pine, South African conference; W. H. Stackhouse, Arkansas and Southern Missouri conference; S. C. Lyman, Columbia River conference; A. J. Mendenhall, Texas conference.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.
15. Who have died this year? None.
- 16-20. See statistical table.
21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of the same? J. A. Manning, \$125.00; M. L. Wilkinson, \$125.00; A. S. Ford, \$40.00; Mrs. M. E. Harris, \$150.00; child of F. A. Root, \$30.00.
24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.
25. Where and when shall the next session of the conference be held? At Solomon, Kansas, in connection with a camp meeting to be held as near the third week in August as can be arranged for by the presiding bishop.

APPOINTMENTS

WICHITA DISTRICT—EDWARD C. LINDLEY, District Elder

Wichita, Bethel and Fairview.....	A. Neal
McPherson	R. H. Warren, supply
Winfield	F. E. Bonham
Arkansas City.....	P. J. Postlewait
Caldwell.....	Ann McIntyre, supply
Matfield Green and Jackson Schoolhouse.....	William Buchannan

Edward C. Lindley, member of Wichita district quarterly conference; L. Glenn Lewis, president of Central Academy and College; C. A. Stoll, dean Central Academy and College; J. L. Dodge, J. A. Chaney, supernumerary; G. W. Sluthour, given certificate of standing with a view to transfer to Washington conference; C. N. Root, evangelist.

EMPORIA DISTRICT—EDWARD C. LINDLEY, District Elder

Emporia and Americus.....	J. E. Overholt
Climax and Eureka.....	To be supplied
Union and Neosha Rapids.....	To be supplied
Roseland	N. Atchison
Altamont and Center Valley.....	To be supplied
Iola	E. L. Garrow, supply

M. L. Wilkinson, A. S. Ford, R. B. Sherwood, superannuated; H. J. Whitney, J. W. Myer, supernumerary; S. C. Lyman, given certificate of standing with view of transferring to Columbia River conference; W. H. Stackhouse, given certificate of standing with view of transferring to Arkansas and Southern Missouri conference.

SOLOMON DISTRICT—H. S. DYE, District Elder

Solomon.....	A. L. Crumley
Chapel Hill and Old Stone.....	A. Sims, supply
Minneapolis and Concord Center.....	J. P. Dowd
Jeff Coate, Greenridge and Bethany.....	W. I. Smith, Lillian Smith, supply
Marion, Herrington and Council Grove.....	To be supplied

H. S. Dye, member of Solomon district quarterly conference; G. A. Pine, granted certificate of standing by quarterly conference with view of transfer to South Africa conference; Luke Scriptor, C. H. Southworth, superannuated; A. J. Mendenhall, given certificate of transfer with view to transferring to Texas conference.

MANHATTAN DISTRICT—H. S. DYE, District Elder

Manhattan.....	J. L. Phillippi
Alma.....	Eliza Witherspoon, supply
Frankfort, Snipe Creek and Antioch.....	E. N. Cobb
Washington, Hawkeye and Spring Valley.....	A. C. Tanner, Ozalline Tanner, supply
Junction City and Milford.....	B. H. Kiper
Clay Center.....	To be supplied

Etta E. Chillson, supernumerary.

OTTAWA DISTRICT—EDWIN R. FORD, District Elder

Ottawa.....	A. Lenkerd, supply
Agricola and Glenwood.....	J. L. Boettcher
Plymouth.....	To be supplied
Michigan.....	Nellie Haskin
Old Union, Union Chapel and Harmony.....	D. B. Williams
Scranton	S. L. Crouch
Olathe Mission.....	To be supplied

J. E. Hulet, given certificate of standing with view of transferring to Wabash conference.

TOPEKA DISTRICT—EDWIN R. FORD, District Elder

Topeka.....	J. S. Ogg
Lawrence.....	C. H. Watson
Leavenworth Mission.....	J. M. Ried
Kansas City.....	D. R. Taylor, supply
Kansas City Mission.....	H. C. White, supply

Edwin R. Ford, member of Topeka district quarterly conference; J. A. Manning, superannuated; S. V. Coe, superintendent Life Line Rescue Home, Kansas City; Mrs. Katie Coe, matron Life Line Rescue Home, Kansas City.

LOCAL ELDERS

H. D. Kelley.....	Scranton, Kansas	A. Seibert.....	McPherson, Kansas
I. V. Putney.....	Wichita, "	W. B. Huff.....	Solomon, "

LOCAL DEACONS

W. S. Place.....	Reading, Kansas	John Fridley.....	Alma, Kansas
N. S. Surface.....	Lyndon, "	M. D. Harbours.....	Iola, "
F. V. Ingersol.....	Overbrook, "	T. D. North.....	Matfield Green, "

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Anna Turner.....	McPherson, Kansas	Eliza Witherspoon.....	Alma, Kansas
Ardilla Lindley.....	Winfield, "	Alice E. Lewis.....	McPherson, "
Florence A. Myer.....	Reading, "	Ida Ingersol.....	Overbrook, "
Ada Hubbard.....	Emporia, "	Ida Shires.....	Emporia, "
Anna McIntyre.....	Caldwell, "	Florence Jolly Bradbury,	Minneapolis,
Anna Winant.....	Topeka, "	Kansas	
Mary Hubbard.....	Arkansas City, "	Nellie Winans.....	McPherson, Kansas

LOCAL PREACHERS

George Eastman...	Lawrence, Kansas	Edward Neal.....	Vassar, Kansas
John Waldmier...	McPherson, "	D. H. Hutchinson,	Leavenworth, Kan-
William Burgess.....	Olathe, "	sas	
Charles Helvey.....	Leavenworth, "	L. C. Cookson.....	Wakefield, Kansas
H. C. White.....	Kansas City, "	George Wright.....	Climax, "
L. Neaderhiser.....	Solomon, "	Alvin Long.....	Frankfort, "
Owen J. Kendall.....	McPherson, "	A. J. Marrs.....	Elsmore, "
Paul Hamilton.....	Minneapolis, "	B. B. Jewell.....	Olivet, "
C. E. Bess.....	Iola, "	Claude Lowe.....	McPherson, "
R. C. Herrington...	Trimble, Missouri	Roy Phillippi.....	McPherson, "
George Curtiss...	Kansas City, Kansas	L. V. McMillan.....	Solomon, "

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Nellie Robinson.....	Hanover, Kansas	W. L. Coy.....	Scranton, Kansas
Ozalline Tanner.....	Washington, "	Mrs. W. L. Coy.....	Scranton, "
Lillian Smith.....	Talmadge, "	A. E. Nichols.....	Baldwin, "
Myrtle Matthews.....	Kansas City, "	Lillian Coghill.....	Topeka, "
Maude Reid.....	Leavenworth, "	Mary Schallere.....	Wichita, "
Blanche Lusk.....	Topeka, "	Mrs. G. North.....	Matfield Green, "
Alberta Bonham.....	Winfield, "	Mrs. R. A. Kring,	Leavenworth, Kan-
M. E. Harris.....	Lawrence, "	sas	
Maggie Witchey.....		Topeka, Kansas	

DEACONESS

Mrs. Katie Coe, 1916 N. 3rd street, Kansas City, Kansas

MISCELLANEOUS

The forty-eighth session of the Kansas conference of the Free Methodist church was held at Emporia, Kansas, August 15-19, 1917, in the beautiful church building of our denomination at this place. Rev. John S. MacGeary, missionary secretary, presided by appointment of Bishop Walter A. Sellew. His sermons and addresses to the conference were masterful and spiritual. Everyone was well pleased with him as the president of the conference. This

was a very excellent session, well attended and exceptionally well entertained by the resident pastor, Rev. H. S. Dye, and the members of his parish. Very generous response to the various calls for money were given. Each pastor was requested to raise upon his circuit, during the first quarter of the conference year, an amount equal to ten cents per member to pay the school expenses of Miss Lois Scott at Central Academy and College for the coming school year, said moneys to be sent to L. Glenn Lewis, president of the school.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PREACHERS

Atchison, X.	Roseland, Kansas	Manning, J. A.	Greenville, Illinois
Boettcher, J. L.	Agricola, "	Myer, J. W.	Reading, Kansas
Bonham, F. E., 818 E. 6th street, Win-	field, Kansas	Neil, A., 1104 Anderson avenue, Wich-	ita, Kansas
Buchanan, William, Matfield Green,	Kansas	Overholt, J. E., 2 S. State street, Em-	poria, Kansas
Cobb, E. N.	Frankfort, Kansas	Ogg, J. S., 1106 Lime street, Topeka,	Kansas
Chaney, J. A.	Wichita, "	Postlewait, P. J., 601 N. 5th street, Ar-	kansas City, Kansas
Chillson, Etta E.	Alma, "	Phillippi, J. L.	Manhattan, Kansas
Crouch, S. L.	Solomon, "	Root, Chas. N.	Caldwell, "
Crumley, A. L.	Solomon, "	Reid, J. M., 301 Walnut street, Leaven-	worth, Kansas
Coe, S. V., 1916 N. 3rd street, Kansas	City, Kansas	Southworth, C. H.	Altmar, New York
Dowd, J. P.	Minneapolis, Kansas	Sherwood, R. B.	California
Dodge, J. L.	McPherson, "	Stoll, C. A.	McPherson, Kansas
Dye, H. S., 600 S. Chestnut street, Mc-	Pherson, Kansas	Scripter, Luke.	Herrington, "
Ford, A. S., Eldorado Springs, Missouri		Smith, W. I., R. F. D. No. 1, Talmadge,	Kansas
Ford, Edwin R., 1216 E. 8th street, To-	peka, Kansas	Sims, A.	Salina, Kansas
Garrow, E. L., 302 N. 4th street, Iola,	Kansas	Taylor, D. R., 2715 N. Tremont street,	Kansas City, Kansas
Haskin, Nellie, Michigan Valley, Kan-	sas	Tanner, A. C.	Washington, Kansas
Kiper, B. H., 1219 N. Franklin street,	Junction City, Kansas	Warren, R. H.	McPherson, "
Lewis, L. Glenn.	McPherson, Kansas	Watson, C. H., 1146½ Connecticut	street, Lawrence, Kansas
Lindley, Edward C., 516 Harter street,	Winfield, Kansas	Winans, G. I.	McPherson, "
Lenkerd, Adam, 733 N. Oak street, Ot-	tawa, Kansas	Williams, D. B., 725 Lane street, Tope-	ka, Kansas
McIntyre, Anna.	Caldwell, Kansas	Whitney, H. J.	Reading, Kansas
Witherspoon, Eliza.	Alma, Kansas	Wilkinson, M. L.	Girard, "

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTIC BOARD ORGANIZATION AND THE WORKING PLANS FOR THE YEAR

L. Glenn Lewis, president; Edward C. Lindley, secretary; H. S. Dye, treasurer

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

L. Glenn Lewis, Edward C. Lindley, H. S. Dye, A. L. Crumley, Edwin R. Ford

WORKING PLANS

First—All moneys belonging to the Board are in the hands of its treasurer.

Second—The treasurer of the Board holds at the disposal of each of the district elders the sum of \$100.00 to be used at his discretion in the promotion of evangelistic work on his districts.

Third—The Executive Committee shall hold three meetings during the

year, one meeting to be held on the territory of each district elder at the time of a district quarterly meeting.

Fourth—An evangelistic committee of five shall be organized under the jurisdiction of each district elder, consisting of a minister and layman from each district, the district elder being chairman.

Fifth—All openings for evangelistic work shall be reported as soon as possible to the secretary of the Board.

Sixth—The Board guarantees competent evangelists at least \$15.00 per week while they labor under its direction.

AVAILABLE EVANGELISTS

M. E. Lewis, B. H. Edwards, H. O. Hubbard, C. N. Root, Miss Inogene Quinn and others.

TREASURER'S REPORT

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS—Apportioned, \$503.00; paid, \$488.00; deficit, \$15.00.

GENERAL MISSIONS—Apportioned, \$150.90; paid, \$143.45; deficit, \$7.45.

CONFERENCE MISSIONS—Apportioned, \$150.90; paid, \$143.75; deficit, \$7.15.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL FUND—Apportioned, \$50.30; paid, \$47.80; deficit, \$2.50.

BISHOPS' SALARIES—Apportioned, \$181.08; paid, \$173.88; deficit, \$7.20.

CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT—Apportioned, \$150.90; paid, \$142.80; deficit, \$8.10.

AGGRESSIVE EVANGELISM—Apportioned, \$251.50; paid, \$242.25; deficit, \$9.25.

CHURCH EXTENSION—Apportioned, \$100.60; paid, \$98.30; deficit, \$2.30.

PERMANENT FUND—Apportioned, \$50.30; paid, \$49.00; deficit, \$1.30.

GENERAL CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT—Apportioned \$20.12; paid, \$19.12; deficit, \$1.00.

TOTAL—Apportionment, \$1,609.60; paid, \$1,548.35; deficit, \$61.25.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—\$79.48.

CHILDREN'S FUND—\$27.56.

SELF-DENIAL FUND—\$10.99.

GENERAL SUNDAY-SCHOOL FUND—\$5.08.

EDUCATIONAL FUND—\$4.00.

TOTAL—\$127.11.

TO PUBLISH THE MINUTES—\$47.20.

A collection was taken to meet all the deficiencies.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON EDUCATION

A good education may be called a high tower of advantage, a stronghold of defense or an armament of aggression. Its possessor has increased facilities wherewith to bless or to curse the world. Satan has attempted the usurpation of this equipment to his advantage. Skepticism has claimed a monopoly of the brains of all ages.

The structure that has been reared in the name of learning is one whose outlines and appointments leave no place for vital godliness. The builders of this structure seem to have assumed that faith in the orthodox statements of religion or the inerrancy of the Scriptures is a mistake. The apartments of this building are so intricately arranged and its labyrinths so abstrusely contrived that the untutored become confused as they attempt to deny assertions made by the builders and defenders of this scholastic edifice.

We whose faith in the revealed Word of God remains unshaken are sure that error has found a place in the fundamental hypotheses of modern scholasticism. Veiled by human sophistry these unrighteous propositions stand as the pronouncements of modern learning. Men are needed to-day who are able to go down into the dark corridors of this scholasticism and point out its fallacies.

Our preachers and Sunday-school teachers are constantly facing a line of

attack that is supported by men of education and culture. To cope advantageously with this situation we make ourselves efficient by study and investigation. The Holy Spirit is a faithful guide to all who are searching diligently for truth, but He can not guide a man who is not attempting progress along the line of proper inquiry. He does not guide a lazy brain. If we are to win this fight we must put ourselves in the way of studious research.

As heavy as our fight seems to be, by the time our young people are called upon to carry the battle's weight the foe will have developed to the plane of supermen. We must have supermen in the realm of Christian thought.

A thorough Christian education will go far to solve our problems and to win our case. Put our young people in the hands of those whose sympathies are in accord with the world's thinking and they will not only benefit us in this fight but will play into the hands of the enemy. Educate them under the instruction of those who have broken from the spell of modern materialism and who honor God and His Word, and they have some chance of being a force in the cause of righteousness.

We would recommend that as far as possible we of the Kansas conference make study and research possible to our preachers by providing upon the districts libraries that contain the best in the way of advanced Christian thought. These libraries should contain at least one set of the courses of study for traveling and local preachers.

We would also recommend that we take into serious consideration the privileges offered our young people at McPherson school. It is possible that out of this school may arise leaders not only for the Free Methodist church, but men who shall dominate Christian thought of the next generation. Why not push the development of this institution?

II.—ON REFORMS

We are united to assist in all reforms that will help men on to God, but we are convinced that reformation is not sufficient to meet the demands of the case. We would not discourage all methods of reform, but we do insist on a thorough repentance to meet the demands made by the Holy Bible, in order to bring men into a state of grace. Joining the church and complying with the outward ordinances is not enough. We believe that a supernatural change in the human heart is needed to meet the requirements of a Scriptural reform.

WAR in its present condition is appalling. The great civilization of three years ago has fallen below the level of barbarous times. Treaties have been broken, the laws of God and man have been ignored, everything sacred has been trampled upon, billions of money has been wasted, millions of men are being destroyed, multitudes of homes are being broken up, millions of innocents are being starved and oppressed. We are praying for a reform in the governments of the nations that will forever put away a condition such as we are passing through at the present. We hope the time the inspired writer speaks of will soon come, "When they shall learn war no more."

LIQUOR.—The protected vice of the nations is being abolished to conserve the food and the efficiency of the men engaged in fighting the battles of the warring nations. We are in hearty sympathy with every effort to destroy its power over men.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.—We need reform all over the land on this matter. The churches seem to be powerless to hold their members to a strict observance of the day. They justify themselves in taking part of the day for recreation. The Catholic church caters to their members by having early mass so the members can take early trains to the mountains and summer resorts. Protestants in many places go without any concern for the Lord's Day. Advents delight in doing work where they can be noticed on the Lord's day. As a church we are making a strong fight against Sabbath desecration and we hope that all our members will assist in bringing about a reform for a strict observance of the day. * * *

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE KANSAS CONFERENCE

WICHITA, EMPORIA AND SOLOMON DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Teachers and Evangelists	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars (Number Enrolled)	Members in Home Department	Names on Cradle Roll	Total Enrollment	General Conference (Assessed Claims)	Total Only	Foreign Missions	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Educational Fund	Raised for Sunday School Expenses
Wichita District																		
Wichita	E. C. Lindley, D. E.	58	6	60	10	1	1	9	100	12	35	109	\$ 58 00	\$ 58 00	\$ 400 00	\$ 47 80	\$	\$ 40 79
McPherson	A. S. Nell	108	11	119	6	32	1	34	300	12	16	381	98 00	98 00	400 00	124 30	1 35	236 77
Winfield	C. W. Zambison	19	4	23	10	1	1	7	40	6	16	63	18 00	18 00	12 00	19 00	1 35	28 00
Arkansas City	C. W. Sutherland	24	2	26	1	5	1	9	65	6	49	129	18 40	18 40	12 00	18 27	1 35	65 99
Galena	P. J. Postlewait	22	1	23	5	1	1	6	45	6	15	72	21 00	21 00	4 50	6 80	1 35	17 90
Matfield Green, Jackson S. H.	Anna McIntyre	7	..	7	4	1	1	3	20	..	..	23	5 00	5 00	2 50	..	..	1 00
William Buchanan	William Buchanan	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Emporia District																		
Emporia and Americus	E. C. Lindley, D. E.	89	4	93	8	16	2	22	140	12	23	197	83 00	83 00	2 35	10 71	5 90	78 02
Climax and Eureka	H. S. Dye	18	2	20	2	2	1	7	14	..	..	21	19 00	19 00	..	..	..	9 78
Union	Nelle Haskin	..	..	16	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	4 00	4 00	..	..	..	10 00
Roseland, Alkamont and Center Valley	Florence Myer	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lola	X. Atchison	25	1	26	1	6	1	7	40	..	..	88	24 15	24 15	2 00	..	..	28 30
Bethel	R. B. Sherwood	53	5	58	1	6	1	17	71	..	..	77	48 00	48 00	9 16	1 65	..	36 00
	E. C. Lindley	3	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7 00	7 00	..	..	..	..
Solomon District																		
Solomon	J. L. Phillippi, D. E.	53	..	53	3	12	1	19	70	9	6	104	56 00	56 00	..	50 00	3 15	37 00
Salina and Chapel Hill	A. L. Crumley	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Minneapolis and Concord Center	J. L. Phillippi	56	2	58	1	10	2	15	25	4	8	115	29 00	29 00	29 43	..	..	25 07
Jeffcoat, Greentidge, Industry	J. L. Phillippi	21	..	21	1	11	1	13	49	..	..	..	57 30	57 30	..	76 23	2 00	77 37
Bethany and Clay Center	A. J. Mendenhall	34	..	36	1	10	1	7	35	..	10	52	44 00	44 00	..	..	..	12 20
Marion, Herrington and Council Grove	J. L. Phillippi	2	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2 00	2 00	..	..	..	..

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE KANSAS CONFERENCE--CONTINUED

MANHATTAN, OTTAWA AND LAWRENCE DISTRICTS

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Manhattan District	J. L. Phillippi, D. E.	30	10	40	1	7	1	8	65	3	18	94	33 00	1 50	24 77	2 00	44 75
Manhattan	C. N. Root.....	8	..	8	1	7	1	3	3	8	33 00	1 50	10 00	..	4 75
Alma	Eliza E. Witherspoon	29	1	30	1	7	2	6	23	31	33 00	55 00	9 00	2 00	4 75
Frankfort and Antioch	J. A. Chaney.....	22	..	22	1	2	1	10	20	6	20	76	33 00	..	9 00	..	25 25
Junction City	B. H. Ripert.....	24	..	24	2	4	2	14	55	6	2	77	33 00	..	73 00	..	25 50
Washington	A. C. Tanner.....	44 80	32 02
Ottawa District	E. B. Ford, D. E.	28	5	33	..	3	1	15	89	27	14	145	27 00	8 00	18 12	..	38 17
Ottawa	J. E. Hulet.....	29	..	29	..	3	1	8	30	38	40 00	..	10 00	..	53 00
Agricola and Glenwood	J. L. Boettcher.....	9	1	10	2	5	1	4	28	32	3 00	40	53 00
Plymouth	E. B. Jewell.....	30	4	34	2	10	2	14	55	55	62	197	3 00	11 30	8 15	..	56 88
Scranton and Michigan Valley	J. N. Cobb.....	27	5	32	1	8	1	8	42	50	27 50	6 90	7 00	..	20 07
Harmony and Old Union	D. B. Williams.....	2 00
Olathe	E. R. Ford.....	2	..	2	1	1
Lawrence District	E. R. Ford, D. E.	10	2	12	2	7	1	4	28	2	7	41	16 00	..	1 00	..	20 80
Lawrence	C. H. Watson.....	16	4	20	3	5	1	4	20	..	10	34	20 00	14 00
Leavenworth	J. M. Reid.....	26	10	36	3	11	1	7	50	14	28	89	30 00	..	9 00	..	51 30
Kansas City Church	J. E. Overholt.....	31	4	35	2	11	1	13	135	25	30	203	33 00	..	9 00	..	51 30
Life Line Mission	S. V. Coe.....	44	14	58	2	11	..	12	80	5	26	123	44 56	..	21 55	..	90 74
Topeka	J. S. Oge.....
Total	..	967	105	1072	58	238	34	295	1813	192	379	2679	\$2002 21	\$ 545 14	\$ 561 90	\$14 80	\$1218 09

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE KANSAS CONFERENCE--CONTINUED

WICHITA, EMPORIA AND SOLOMON DISTRICTS

CHARGE	Raised in Sunday School for Foreign Missions	Raised for Children's Fund	Raised for General Conference S. S. Board	Raised for Annual Conference Sunday School Board	Raised in Sunday School for All Other Benevolences	Total Amount Raised in Sunday School	Conference Missions	Pastors' Support	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Support	Evangelists' Support	Incidentals	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
Wichita District																
Wichita	\$ 4 07	\$ 29 87	\$ 2 80	\$ 2 68	\$ 7 81	\$ 48 60	\$ 34 80	\$ 600 00	\$ 120 00	\$ 80 00	\$ 141 70	\$ 122 50	1	\$ 3000	1	\$ 1000
McPherson					16 75	283 39	14 70	850 00		150 00	74 00	244 10				
Winfield						34 75	7 20	359 29	66	55 00	118 35	41 87	1	1500	1	600
Arkansas City						68 24	2 40	481 54	132	60 00	19 24	117 85	1	1800	1	900
Caldwell	6 78	2 40			2 41	29 49	12 60	381 68		50 00		32 60	1	800	1	300
Matfield Green, Jackson S. H.						1 25	2 00	102 75	72	20 00		4 30			1	600
Emporia District																
Emporia and Americus		6 63			3 00	87 65	12 45	600 00	120	119 99	244 77	296 47	1	5000	1	1000
Unionmax and Eureka		85	2 30	30		13 23	11 40	130 64	36	40 50	11 08	10 82	1	1200	1	300
Union								21 07	48	23 00	36 00	2 00			1	450
Rehland, Altamont and Center																
Valley						28 30	12 65	267 24	72	70 30	8 00	272 67	1	1000	2	1000
Iola		1 25		1 00		38 25	28 80	517 56	75	70 00	15 00	222 44	1	1200	1	675
Bethel							4 20						1	1000		
Solomon District																
Solomon		2 00	1 50	2 80	75 04	118 34	8 40	501 25	96	75 14	4 80	131 49	1	1600	1	1500
Salina and Chapel Hill				1 00	1 39	27 46	11 00	235 55		47 29	15 50	14 61	1	1300	1	1500
Minneapolis and Concord Center				2 90	35 01	134 08	8 70	515 00	120	100 00	35 00	500 00	2	3200	1	1500
Independence and Industry	16 70	3 00	1 00				8 50	216 65	35	40 51		32 82			1	700
Bethany and Clay Center				2 20		18 58	9 80	300 00	75	43 54	23 00		2	3000	1	600
Marion, Herrington and Council Grove		4 18				10	1 10			14 60		29 00	1	1800	1	500

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE KANSAS CONFERENCE--CONTINUED

MANHATTAN, OTTAWA AND LAWRENCE DISTRICTS

CHARGE	Raised in Sunday School for Foreign Missions	Raised for Children's Fund	Raised for General Conference	Raised for Annual Conference Sunday School Board	Raised in Sunday School for All Other Benevolences	Total Amount Raised in Sunday School	Conference Missions	Pastors' Support	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Support	Evangelists' Support	Incidentals	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage
Manhattan District																
Manhattan					13 60	58 85	19 80	360 68	100	66 00	101 40	190 00	1	1500	1	1000
Alma		2 00				0 55	1 50	147 68	24	30 75		18 62	1	2000	1	1000
Frankfort and Antioch				1 48	3 81	27 54	4 95	440 00	60	71 35	14 00	170 95	1	1000	1	650
Junction City	50	1 00		7 75	5 00	32 75	11 55	215 87	96	30 35		40 70	1	1000	1	1200
Washington		4 15		67	2 67	39 51		455 70	86	55 00	95 00	484 47	1	1500	1	1000
Ottawa District																
Ottawa	3 00	1 00			4 66	45 48	4 05	421 47	120	83 43	23 50	132 57	1	1300	1	1000
Agicola and Glenwood		4 32				18 42	13 75	325 00	60	55 00		12 89	1	1200	1	1000
Plymouth					1 60	34 54		300 00	65	65 00	9 22	15 37	2	1500	1	250
Scranton and Michigan Valley	7 00	3 13		2 50	7 14	75	6 50	440 66		63 75		127 87	2	2000	1	300
Harmony and Old Union		4 00		30		32 80				1 00		5 36	2			
Olathe							30									
Lawrence District																
Lawrence	1 20	1 10	40	40		23 90	2 40	148 85	120	51 00	25 00	74 27	1	1200	1	1500
Leavenworth						14 00	3 00	265 87		51 00	4 00	88 08	1	1400		
Kansas City Church		1 25		2 00	7 11	62 69	4 50	573 49	120	44 00		235 50	1	1000		1200
Life Line Mission		3 50		3 50	3 11	61 11				68 02	21 50	53 04	1	1500		
Topeka	2 59	3 53	4 34	95	3 25	105 40	6 90	420 16	96	68 02	90 56	152 04	1	2000	1	1000
Total	\$ 73 59	\$ 75 66	12 34	\$ 28 68	203 40	\$ 1163 45	\$ 264 90	\$ 6204 62	\$ 2014	\$ 2242 58	\$ 1130 62	\$ 5065 47	33	\$ 51000 29		\$ 22825

GENESEE CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Fifty-eighth Annual Session, held
at Rochester, New York, September 5-9, 1917

OFFICERS

WILSON T. HOGUE, *President*
JAMES H. WHEELER, *Secretary* WILBUR G. WORBOYS, *Statistician*
ELMER C. REBER, H. A. BALDWIN, *Assistant Secretaries*
RICHARD CARNE, *Treasurer*

COMMITTEES

- On Nominations*—E. A. Taylor, J. H. Harmon, G. D. Mark, Grant Woods, Charles W. Trussler.
On Public Worship—Wilson T. Hogue, Albert Wilson, Richard Carne, F. J. Dunham, J. A. Craine.
On Claimants and Claims—Richard Carne, C. W. Bacon, B. L. Perkins, G. C. Woods.
On Missions—The stationing committee.
On Reforms—B. N. Miner, S. L. Butcher, George Westacott, G. T. Goodenough.
On Church Literature and Publications—H. A. Baldwin, G. S. Chamberlain, Clyde L. Blood, J. D. Handley, William Parker.
To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—Daniel Rider, Milton Worboys.
To Publish the Minutes—The secretary.
On Sunday-schools—S. I. Folts, H. J. Wood, Alvin Raymond, Carrie Howland, Viola Snell.
On Education—W. G. Worboys, Charles E. Pike, H. B. Humelsine, M. E. Ellis, E. C. Bristol.
To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—J. H. Harmon, H. L. Miner, Simon Witmer, G. B. Bancroft.
Auditors—L. A. Southworth, C. W. Thurber, J. A. Craine.
On Charities—E. A. Taylor, G. M. Allen, C. W. Thurber, Willis Cooley.
On Memoirs—A. H. Bennett, G. D. Mark, Cyrus Ingersoll.
On the Press—E. C. Bristol.
On State of our Country—J. T. Rider, Jr., R. A. Robertson, M. E. Ellis.
On Complimentary Resolutions—Samuel Rogers, L. J. Leonard.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

- On Church Literature and Publications*—J. T. Rider, Jr.,
On Reforms—Albert Wilson,
On Education—C. L. Howland,
On Sunday-schools—H. A. Baldwin.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

- J. H. Wheeler, president, for one year; B. N. Miner, secretary, for two years;
S. I. Folts, librarian, for three years.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

- C. W. Bacon, president; E. A. Taylor, secretary; J. H. Harmon, treasurer, J. Franklin, J. A. Craine.

CONFERENCE SUNDAY-SCHOOL BOARD

- John G. Tuxford, field secretary, president and treasurer; J. H. Wheeler, S. I. Folts, G. B. Bancroft.

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTIC BOARD

- T. S. Simpson, C. L. Howland, S. I. Folts, B. N. Miner.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

E. A. Taylor, president, 73 Tenth street, Buffalo, New York; A. H. Bennett, secretary, Perry, New York; G. B. Altoft, treasurer, North Chili, New York; A. K. Bacon, Albion, New York; E. C. Reber, Ransomville, New York.

OFFICERS OF THE FREE METHODIST MINISTERS' MUTUAL AID SOCIETY

John O'Regan, president, 116 Durham avenue, Buffalo, New York; W. G. Worboys, secretary, North Chili, New York.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Lizzie M. Perkins, Gerry, New York; Mary C. Carne, first vice-president, 1507 Weston avenue, Niagara Falls, New York; Lena A. Southworth, second vice-president, 511 East Seventh street, Jamestown, New York; Lois W. Woods, recording secretary, Akron, New York; Jennie A. Howland, corresponding secretary, Gowanda, New York; Elsie C. Allen, treasurer, Belfast, New York; Miss Bertha S. Taylor, Junior superintendent, 73 Tenth street, Buffalo, New York.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Bishops' Salaries, Permanent Fund, General Conference Entertainment Fund; second quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund; third quarter, General Missions, Church Extension; fourth quarter, Conference Missions, Foreign Missions, General Conference Delegates' Expenses.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

William Manning,
A. H. Bennett,
L. D. Perkins,
A. A. Burgess,
J. H. Harmon,
John O'Regan,
W. T. Hogue,
G. D. Mark,
E. A. Taylor,
C. W. Bacon,
O. C. Blowers,
J. H. Wheeler,
C. W. Thurber,
L. F. Clark,
E. C. Reber,
B. F. Hitchcock,
H. J. Wood,
C. L. Howland,
B. N. Miner,

A. L. Bates,
W. G. Worboys,
Albert Wilson,
H. B. Humelsine,
C. Bertis Bates,
John Alexander,
G. M. Allen,
L. Barmore,
N. B. Martin,
D. W. Steele,
T. S. Simpson,
William Pearce,
R. H. Warren,
L. J. Leonard,
C. L. Silvernail,
W. E. Freeman,
S. I. Folts,
Samuel Rogers,
M. G. Cottrill,

Daniel Rider,
Samuel O. Smout,
Robert W. Woods,
B. H. Roberts,
J. F. Franklin,
G. S. Chamberlain,
H. L. Miner,
M. E. Ellis,
Richard Carne,
Charles E. Pike,
R. A. Robertson,
S. L. Butcher,
L. A. Southworth,
J. T. Rider, Jr.,
H. A. Baldwin,
Wilson R. King,
Herman H. Pool,
Frank C. Taylor,
J. I. McCullough.

DELEGATES

Marion Moore,
B. L. Perkins,
Lesslie Hilts,
C. W. Fetterman,
F. J. Dunham,
Viola Snell,
William Parker,

Clarabell Blossom,
Rhoda Hunt,
J. A. Craine,
G. H. Goodenough,
May Maxwell,
George E. Green,
C. F. Wakeman,

Elbert Harrison,
George Westcott,
Ida Royce,
Willis Cooley,
Charles Trussler,
J. W. Reese,
Lovisa Welsh,

DELEGATES—Continued

Carrie Howland,
H. M. Snell,
I. M. Rose,
Philip Alexander,
Simon Witmer,
Milton Worbois,

J. D. Handley,
E. C. Bristol,
C. L. Blood,
Cyrus Ingersoll,
F. G. Walkins,
Nancy Ford,

Alvin Raymond,
G. C. Woods,
G. B. Baneroff,
Walter Casler,
Morgan Whipple,
Mina Lowell.

2. Who are the stationing committee? Wilson T. Hogue, Richard Carne, T. S. Simpson, C. W. Bacon, C. L. Howland, B. L. Perkins, Ira M. Rose, G. C. Woods, Cyrus Ingersoll.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? Clayton Hatfield.

4. Who remain on trial? Clayton L. Fairbanks, Ray Cooley.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? John Alexander, Frank C. Taylor, Robert W. Woods, C. Bertis Bates, Samuel O. Smout, James I. McCullough.

6. Who are the deacons? C. Bertis Bates, S. O. Smout, Frank C. Taylor, John Alexander, Robert W. Woods, J. I. McCullough, B. F. Hitchcock, L. A. Southworth, W. E. Freeman, Wilson R. King, H. B. Humelsiné, Daniel Rider, Herman H. Poole, Francis Watkins.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? C. L. Silvernail, M. G. Cottrill.

8. Who have located this year? None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? John O'Regan, Wilson R. King, G. S. Chamberlain, A. H. Bennett, D. W. Steele, H. J. Wood.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? William Manning, A. A. Burgess, G. D. Mark, N. B. Martin, O. C. Blowers, L. Barmore, C. W. Thurber.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? Francis G. Watkins, from the Friends Church, holding deacon's parchments from the Methodist Episcopal church.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? Robert H. Warren, Andros L. Bates.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character examined and passed.

15. Who have died this year? L. D. Perkins.

16-28. See statistical report.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? The place was left with the district elders to select and the time as near the first Wednesday in September, 1918, as will suit the convenience of the presiding bishop.

APPOINTMENTS

GENESEE DISTRICT—S. I. FOLTS, District Elder, North Chili, New York
Rochester.....Albert Wilson, 71 Richmond street, Rochester, New York
North Chili.....W. G. Worbois, North Chili, "
Parma Center.....L. F. Clark, R. R., Spencerport, "
Brockport and Clarkson.....
 ..F. C. Taylor, Elsie Taylor, supply, 71 Utica street, Brockport, "
West Kendall and Kendall Mills.....Daniel Rider, West Kendall, "
Albion and Gaines.....J. H. Wheeler, 20 Platt street, Albion, "
Batavia and Alexander..B. F. Hitchcock, 2 Linwood avenue, Batavia, "
Sweden.....To be supplied
Elba.....Mrs. Lulu J. Town, Elba, New York

William Pearce, bishop, 4532 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania;
B. H. Roberts, supplying college church, Berea, Kentucky; C. W. Bacon, field
secretary of the A. M. Chesbrough Seminary, North Chili, New York; H. L.

Miner, evangelist; C. W. Thurber, superannuated; A. L. Bates, granted a certificate of good standing with a view to transfer.

BUFFALO DISTRICT—T. S. SIMPSON, District Elder, Newfane, New York
 Buffalo, Virginia Street.....E. A. Taylor, 73 Tenth street, Buffalo, New York
 Buffalo, Potomac Avenue.....
J. F. Franklin, 177 Potomac avenue, Buffalo, "
 Akron and North Newstead.....R. W. Woods, Akron, "
 Lockport.....J. H. Harmon, 35 Park avenue, Lockport, "
 Newfane.....To be supplied
 Ransomville.....E. C. Reber, Ransomville, New York
 Tonawanda.....Samuel Rogers, 91 Adams street, Tonawanda, "
 Niagara Falls..Richard Carne, 1507 Weston avenue, Niagara Falls, "
 West Falls.....C. B. Bates, Alberta Bates, supply, West Falls, "
 Pendleton.....Ray Cooley, R. D., Lockport, "
 Wales and Town Line.....To be supplied

Wilson T. Hogue, bishop, R. D. No. 2, Michigan City, Indiana; William Manning, superannuated, 299 Potomac avenue, Buffalo, New York; A. A. Burgess, superannuated, 88 Wadsworth avenue, New York City; John O'Regan, supernumerary, 116 Durham avenue, Buffalo, New York; W. R. King, supernumerary, 47 Boyd street, Buffalo, New York; L. Barmore, superannuated, Akron, New York; R. H. Warren, granted a certificate of good standing in view of transferring.

ALLEGANY DISTRICT—B. N. MINER, District Elder, Allegany, New York
 Allegany and Olean.....M. E. Ellis, Allegany, New York
 Belmont and Ford's Brook.....To be supplied
 East Otto, Ashford and Springville..Samuel O. Smout, East Otto, New York
 Elton and Yorkshire.....Charles E. Pike, Yorkshire, New York
 Perry.....R. A. Robertson, Perry, "
 Bolivar.....To be supplied
 Franklinville.....L. J. Leonard, Franklinville, New York
 Rushford.....J. T. Rider, Rushford, "
 Belfast and Rockville.....G. M. Allen, Belfast, "
 Johnsonburg and Union Corners.....C. L. Fairbanks, Johnsonburg, "
 Gainesville and Weathersfield Springs.....
 H. B. Humelsine.....R. D., Warsaw, "

G. D. Mark, superannuated, Franklinville, New York; O. C. Blowers, superannuated, Franklinville, New York; G. S. Chamberlain, supernumerary, R. D., Belfast, New York; A. H. Bennett, supernumerary, Perry, New York.

CHAUTAUQUA DISTRICT—C. L. HOWLAND, District Elder,
 Gowanda, New York

Jamestown.....L. A. Southworth, 511 E. 7th street, Jamestown, New York
 Forestville and Smith Mills.....S. L. Butcher, Forestville, "
 Salamanca, Saw Mill Run and Red House.....Francis Watkins
 South Dayton.....Clayton Hatfield, South Dayton, New York
 Ellington.....H. H. Poole, Ellington, "
 Randolph and East Randolph.....To be supplied
 Gerry and Gerry Homes.....C. L. Silvernail, Gerry, New York
 Cattaraugus and New Albion.....W. E. Freeman, Cattaraugus, "
 Gowanda.....Jennie Howland, supply, Gowanda, "
 Collins Center and Marshfield.....M. G. Cottrill, Collins Center, "
 Fredonia and Dunkirk....J. I. McCullough, Free street, Fredonia, "

N. B. Martin, superannuated, Forestville, New York; D. W. Steele, supernumerary, Collins Center, New York; H. J. Wood, supernumerary, Cat-

taraugus, New York; H. A. Baldwin, evangelist, Fredonia, New York; John Alexander, left without an appointment to attend Greenville College.

LOCAL ELDERS

A. K. Bacon.....Albion, New York L. A. Sager, 40 Parry place, Buffalo,
W. W. Warner, 8 Linwood avenue, Ba- New York
tavia, New York Simon Witmer, 1024 Grove avenue,
T. J. Dunham Niagara Falls, New York
C. A. Elliott.....Elton, New York

LOCAL DEACONS

John G. Tuxford, 63 Falconer street, Stewart Walker, Faulding street, Buf-
Jamestown, New York falo, New York
G. B. Altoft.....North Chili, New York

LOCAL PREACHERS

Arthur E. Martin, 114 Summit avenue, Hoyt Cornwell, 180 Forest avenue,
Batavia, New York Buffalo, New York
A. J. Marston....Clarkson, New York A. J. Pratt.....East Otto, New York
Earnest Staines, R. D., Spencerport, M. H. Constantine, Franklinville, New
York York
Dewey Tarba, 181 Peck street, Roches- Charles Woodruff, Gainesville, New
ter, New York York
Grant Shark....Forestville, New York G. B. Bancroft, R. D., Warsaw, New
John Webster..Town Line, " York
J. P. Beach.....Lockport, " Stanley Spencer, Yorkshire, New York

EVANGELISTS

Elsie Taylor, 71 Utica street, Brock- Mrs. L. F. Manning, 299 Potomac ave-
port, New York nue, Buffalo, New York
Mary Rogers, 91 Adams street, Tona- Lizzie M. Perkins...Gerry, New York
wanda, New York Etta BaldwinGerry, "
Laura Coleman...Lockport, New York Lena Southworth, 511 East Seventh
Jennie Howland..Gowanda, " street, Jamestown, New York
Alberta Bates..West Falls, New York

DEACONESSES

Belle McCullough, Free street, Fre- Ethel Alexander....Greenville, Illinois
donia, New York

MISCELLANEOUS

The fifty-eighth session of the Genesee conference held in Rochester, New York, was one of harmony and blessing throughout its entire session. At times much of the blessing of God was upon the people. Bishop Hogue was a welcome one among his own conference brethren again. His words of counsel and his Sunday sermon were a benediction to those present. The Missionary Secretary, J. S. MacGeary, was present and gave the missionary address Sunday afternoon, after which over \$500 was raised in cash and subscriptions for the work. Several visiting ministers were introduced to the conference. The people were nicely and bountifully entertained by Albert Wilson and his faithful and devoted people in their church which they, at a great sacrifice, have

remodeled. We will be glad to be invited again. During Sunday two were ordained elders and in the evening six were ordained deacons.

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL FUND—On hand September 11, 1916, \$2.35; credited interest by bank, \$3.15; otherwise received, \$15.35; less treasurer's expenses, \$5.10; balance, \$15.75.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS—\$803.50.

BISHOPS' SALARIES—\$289.26.

PERMANENT FUND—\$80.35.

GENERAL MISSIONS—\$241.05.

CHURCH EXTENSION—\$160.70.

GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES' EXPENSES—On hand last year, \$159.06; raised this year, \$80.35; total, \$239.41.

GENERAL CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT FUND—On hand last year, \$47.01; raised during the year, \$32.14; total, \$79.15.

EDUCATIONAL FUND—\$17.25.

CHILDREN'S FUND—\$46.58.

CONFERENCE MISSIONS—Raised, \$316.40. Appropriations as per order of conference: Francis Watkins, \$15; H. H. Poole, \$15; J. I. McCullough, \$10; Chautauqua district, \$30; F. C. Taylor, \$35; B. F. Hitchcock, \$25; C. W. Thurber, \$45; A. L. Bates, \$10; H. B. Humelsine, \$20; Lulu J. Town, \$10; M. E. Ellis, \$25; G. M. Allen, \$25; C. L. Fairbanks, \$10; S. L. Butcher, \$15; H. L. Miner, \$15. Balance, \$11.40. The conference ordered an amount equal to 20 cents per member to be raised for conference missions this year.

RAISED BY THE W. F. M. S. DURING THE YEAR, \$2,460.76. The claims of the following claimants were granted: William Manning, G. D. Mark, N. B. Martin, O. C. Blowers, Ruth E. Bacon, Mary M. Robinson, Adelia A. White, Lucinda P. Browne, Lizzie M. Perkins, \$150 each; L. Barmore, Gertrude E. Phillips, \$50 each; Amelia Palmer, \$90; Marcia Southworth, \$80.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Received from the Conference Superannuates' Endowment Fund, \$248.54. The board recommended and the conference approved of the following disbursements: Amelia Palmer, \$60; William Manning, \$53; A. A. Burgess, G. D. Mark, N. B. Martin, Mary M. Robinson, Adelia A. White, Ruth E. Bacon, Lucinda P. Browne, Marcia Southworth, Lizzie M. Perkins, \$15 each; balance, 54 cents. On hand from the church repair fund, \$40. The board recommended and the conference approved of giving \$20 each to Batavia and Belfast societies. Batavia circuit fund with interest totaling \$47.29 has been paid to the Batavia circuit.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON STATE OF OUR COUNTRY

Your committee on the state of our country have purchased this beautiful American flag as authorized by your honorable body. If this flag were incarnate and could speak, it would tell of the thirteen original colonies and of their oppression. It would tell of the noble men and women who unitedly stood for the right until glory perched upon the banner of the down-trodden. It would tell of the times when it was ashamed to wave over slavery, and how the abolitionists went forth to emancipate the slaves and to save the Union. It would tell of the mighty growth of the United States from an insignificant group of colonies to one of the greatest, if not the greatest, of all world powers.

This flag is the emblem of the loftiest thought and the noblest principles of our Americanism. See her red that speaks of sacrificial service, and then remember the men and women who have lived and died to make and to preserve this glorious republic. See her white that speaks of purity of charac-

ter and then remember the sons and daughters who maintained their integrity through the test of years. See her blue which stands for the breadth of freedom and then remember that this flag is the guarantee of freedom made possible by our noble sires. See those stars and know that equality is the portion of every state, Rhode Island being on an equality with Texas. There are those who have endeavored to place the dollar mark upon this flag, but let us as true Americans think clearly and act unitedly until such as these see those stars and see those stripes.

We did not want war, but we are now in the throes of the greatest of all wars. While we are not blinded by war's glory or its horror, we venture to say that out of the chaos and hell of this war good will come.

Greater reforms than we had hoped for are now on foot. National prohibition will soon be a possibility. The Romanoffs have gone. The Hohenzollerns must go and we look for such a mighty tidal wave of democracy that not only German imperialism but "the divine rights" of coal barons and sugar kings, steel magnates and all other oppressors will be relegated to the junk heap with the crowned heads of autocracy and imperialism.

Brethren, this flag, "wind tossed and sun kissed," your flag and my flag, may it never go down in defeat, may it ever wave over a free and righteous nation.

Listen to the call for sacrificial service and respond with your best; listen to its appeal for purity of character and bring yourselves up to its standard rather than drag it down; listen to its cry for loftier living and refuse longer to live for mere material good when a nation, yea, a world, calls for men.

In view of the terrible and heart-rending conditions of to-day, with the noblest young men of the nations going forth to spill their blood, ought we not to pray that righteousness may be exalted and that wisdom may be given our President and leaders in this time of crisis?

As your committee we beseech you to send a telegram to the President of our nation, requesting that a day be set apart for fasting and prayer in the near future. We also desire that this conference entreat the Executive Board, at its next annual session, to set apart a day of fasting and prayer to be observed by our church.

II.—ON MEMOIRS

REV. LORENZO DOW PERKINS was born in LeRoy, New York, August 18, 1840, and passed to the better land from Gerry, New York, November 7, 1916. He was married to Miss Almira S. Hartwell, who, after sharing his joys and sorrows for thirty years, went to be with her Master, whom she loved and served. To them were born three children, Floyd L., who died in infancy; Bert L. and Mrs. Florine Watt, both of Albion, New York. Twenty-three years ago he was married to Mrs. Lizzie White, who tenderly cared for him during his many years of affliction and who with the son and daughter aforementioned live to mourn their loss. Brother Perkins was converted at Cataugus, New York, in 1878, and immediately began to labor for the Master, receiving an exhorter's license a few months later. He was appointed a supply in September, 1879, on the Newfane and Wilson circuit and afterward served with great acceptability the following charges: Tonawanda; East Otto; Rushford and Rockville; Elton, Yorkshire and Sandusky; Forestville, Perrysburg and Irving; Parma, Chili and Sweden; Kendall, and Batavia and Jamestown. He was stationed elder of the Chautauqua district for two years. He was manager of the Gerry Homes for six years and financial agent for five years. He was a trustee of the Homes at the time of his death. Brother Perkins was a worker in whatever capacity he was employed. As a pastor he cared for his field and people; in the Homes he tenderly cared for the aged and for the helpless infant. His heart was great and generous. He labored with his might whether in the pulpit or elsewhere. It could be truly said of him, "The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up." He was gifted in prayer, strong in exhortation and would testify in the power of the Spirit. He re-

tained his tenderness of spirit and freshness of experience to a remarkable degree. He was truly one of God's noblemen. For thirty-six years he answered to the roll call at every session of the conference, and we surely greatly miss him at this session. On November 5, 1916, he suffered the apoplectic stroke which caused his death on the following Tuesday evening. A funeral service was held in the Free Methodist church at Gerry, conducted by Rev. C. E. Pike. Text, "I have fought a good fight." Tributes were paid to him by Revs. Southworth, McCullough, Silvernail and Tuxford. The final service was held in the Free Methodist church at Albion, New York, conducted by Rev. J. H. Wheeler. "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might, for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom in the grave whither thou goest." Tributes were paid to his memory by Revs. Carne, Harmon, Bennett, Bacon and Taylor. At the close of the service fifteen ministers surrounded the open casket, and with much of the Spirit's blessing sang, "Shall we gather at the river," and the body was laid at rest in Mt. Albion cemetery to await the resurrection morning.

BROTHER FRANK COWEN, of Brockport, New York, for many years a member of the Free Methodist church, and for several years past a delegate to this conference, and whom we certainly miss at this time, early in the conference year passed to his eternal reward; also, among the laity, during the past year, the following named persons, who for many years were members of our Zion, have passed to their eternal home, viz., Brother Samuel Francis and Mrs. Edwin C. Grinnell, both of Albion, New York; Mrs. Mary Parker and Mrs. Eunice Morse Potter, both of West Kendall, New York. The bishop called on Rev. T. S. Simpson to offer prayer and one verse of "How sweet it will be in that beautiful land" was sung.

III.—ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS

The modern Sunday-school movement which had its beginning with Robert Raikes, a printer of Gloucester, England, in 1780 has grown to proportions beyond what the most sanguine could have hoped for, until to-day it has become the most valuable asset of the church. The possibilities of the Sunday-school enterprise are almost measureless.

How to make the Sunday-school most efficient is a matter that arouses the greatest concern, and demands the most careful and painstaking study. In this, as in all other matters pertaining to the church, it is the pastor who is most concerned. If the school is brought to realize its greatest efficiency, it will be because the pastor is a man of vision. He must lead the forces and employ every agency that can be employed for the accomplishment of the ends in view. He must not stagger at the problems, but must meet them as they are.

Dr. E. Y. Mullins says, "It is the fashion in our day to call many things problems which are plain and simple duties, and it is to be feared that the tendency to transform duties into problems is one of the ways in which carnal nature seeks to avoid moral obligation."

But is it not true, on the other hand, that sometimes we fail to recognize some of the duties of life as problems when actually they are problems. With what slight appreciation some of us regard the duties of life. We fail to grasp our real relationship to some of these duties that we, in our shortsightedness, treat in a sort of conventional or perfunctory way, without ever comprehending their depth or value, or our own responsibility to them. Some one has said that "a boy may imagine that he has worked out the problems in arithmetic because he is the possessor of the book." The Sunday-school, to some pastors, is like the book on arithmetic: it contains many problems, but for him they are unsolved problems. Doubtless there are few, if any, of the pastor's duties in any department of his work that are more changing in their nature and require closer attention and offer, at times, more delicate and difficult problems than the Sunday-school. Some of these problems are purely local, while others are very general, and all schools, to a greater or less de-

gree, have them with which to deal, and in this, as in all other matters of church activity, the largest amount of responsibility falls upon the pastor. It is far from my thought to shoulder off upon the pastor the whole burden of the solution of these problems, but I maintain that the heavy part of it is his.

How many branches of church activity the pastor can carry on to success will depend in no small degree upon the capacity of the man; but it is quite surprising how much can be accomplished by those of us who recognize ourselves as possessing but very meager ability, if we but have a systematic arrangement of our work. But if we feel we have certain lines of work that are our stronghold, it will be well for us to work these measures to the limit.

Dr. J. H. Jewett, that prince of Gospel ministers, said some little time ago, "I am a strong believer in a very few schemes, but tried to the utmost; I believe in a very few mines, but worked for all they are worth."

Modestly, we would suggest that the pastor make just as careful preparation for his work in the Sunday-school as he does for any other part of his work. He should feel as large, or larger, a responsibility in his pastoral oversight of the Sunday-school as he does for any other part of his church. No thoughtful pastor will regard the Sunday-school as a "side issue" or inferior part of his work. The live pastor, wide awake to present-day needs and present-day conditions, will catch the vision of the Sunday-school opportunity. Here is a fertile field, unlike any other in the world of activity, for the pastor to put forth his best effort, and see, as a result of faithful labor, a splendid harvest—rich in time and rich in its glorious consequences to all eternity.

There is no other field that will bring returns so quickly and so abundantly as the Sunday-school. But in this, as in any other thing worth while, it requires preparation, preparation in careful study of the whole Sunday-school problem and opportunity. But if one will apply himself to this, it will not be long ere he sees results that will be astonishing in their nature and vastness. Let me safeguard this point, however, by saying that these tender seeds that spring up into plant life need more tender care and training than I fear most are ready to give. But if faithful labor is spent in this direction, it will show itself in a harvest—"of some thirty and some sixty and some an hundred fold."

Here is a fact that may well cause us to have feelings of mingled sorrow and gladness: that statistics show that the overwhelming percentage of those who are becoming Christians in our day are making this choice before they are twenty years of age, mostly during the teen age.

The Sunday-school call should be loud in the ears of every pastor, and this part of his ministry should be a very joyous service. Dr. Charles L. Goodell said, some time ago, that "a minister had crossed the dead line when he had lost his joy in service—be he forty or eighty years of age."

Here is a field for the pastor to sow seed, and reap a harvest, different from any other, for he has here all ages and conditions of life. The Sunday-school is not to be regarded, as I am persuaded some pastors regard it, as a sort of isolated part of church work—it is a very vital part of the church; it is the most fertile soil that the minister has to till; it brings marvelous returns.

Neither should the pastor, nor any one else, regard it merely as a children's service. It may be that in part, but it is vastly more. Dr. Washington Gladden has said, "The Sunday-school is the instrumentality employed by the church for the training of its children." And he could have added with propriety, "for the conservation of the youth."

The pastor should feel, as we have reason to think the Great Teacher desired to make Peter feel in that test of his affections for Him, that he must "feed the lambs."

Dr. Charles E. Jefferson says, "A great variety of food has to be prepared in different ways, for lambs must be fed, and they are of different ages; and grades and natures, and consequently, suitable food is demanded."

Pastoral leadership is necessary in all our schools. Let us not place

strange limitations around ourselves in this field, but know our responsibility and assume it.

Dr. H. Clay Trumbull said, "The Sunday-school in the pastor's church is *his* Sunday-school in the same sense that the pulpit of his church is his pulpit." "This being so, it follows that, if the pastor is what he ought to be, or what he needs to be, in knowledge, in ability, in spirit, in purpose, his school will be what it ought to be in plan and in scope; in organization and in methods of work." It will be all this before he is through with it, even if it is not all this when he takes hold of it." And I submit to you that Dr. Trumbull is quite right. Every earnest pastor needs to apply himself to this work, if he would see the desired success. Here is a quotation from Marion Lawrance, that master man in the Sunday-school world, a man who has applied himself to this great work as few men ever have. He says, "The pastor of the church should be the pastor of the Sunday-school. His right and position as the educational head and spiritual advisor of the Sunday-school should never be questioned by the church, or superintendent, or the school itself. This position, however, makes him responsible for the teaching that is done in the Sunday-school as in any other department of the church. If this is true, he is likewise responsible in a large measure for the training of the teachers. He may not do the work of training, but it is his right, and he does well to see that it is properly attended to." You may differ with this eminent authority as to the responsibility of the pastor in regard to what is taught in the Sunday-school by the teachers of the school, but I think you will concede that he has tremendous responsibility here, and needs to look well to it that no teacher is allowed to teach anything that is unscriptural.

Dr. Foster says, "The pastor is the chief officer of the Sunday-school in the same sense that the President of the United States is commander in chief of the army." The pastor ought to be, by far, the greatest single force in the Sunday-school. Unless we are very much mistaken as to his place and relation and responsibility to the school, he, in a very large measure, holds the key to its success. Failure upon the part of the pastor to assume his place of responsibility to the Sunday-school will inevitably result in failure, in no small way, of the Sunday-school accomplishing its mission in the community, in the formation of character and the ultimate salvation of the members of the school. And this failure is the saddest failure that can possibly characterize any pastor's work. It is *tragic* when the pastor is not the spiritual and intellectual leader of the Sunday-school—not in name simply, but in reality. Among the many exacting and ceaseless duties and obligations that are ever devolving upon the pastor, his responsibility to the Sunday-school forms no small part.

One leading Sunday-school authority has said that:

"A *hostile* pastor equals a *dead* Sunday-school."

"An *indifferent* pastor equals an *inefficient* Sunday-school."

"An *officious* pastor equals a *chaotic* Sunday-school."

"A *cooperating, sympathetic* pastor equals an *efficient* Sunday-school."

Your committee would urge upon all our pastors and Sunday-school boards that unitedly all labor and bring our schools up to the Standard. Much has been accomplished this conference year as the result of the institutes which were held in our own and most other conferences.

Your committee recommends that all our pastors and Sunday-school boards cooperate with our Conference Sunday-school Secretary in arranging for and holding such institutes the ensuing conference year.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE GENESSEE CONFERENCE

GENESSEE AND BUFFALO DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers and Evangelists	Copies of "Taken Methodist" Taken	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars (Number Enrolled)	Members in Home Department	Names on Cradle Roll	Total Enrollment	General Conference (Assessed Claims)	Foreign Missions	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Educational Fund	Raised for Sunday School Expenses
Genesee District																	
Rochester	E. Carne, D. E.	123	8	131	1	25	1	17	98	49	11	175	\$ 120	\$ 5	\$ 378	\$ 1	\$ 37 24
North Chili	Albert Wilson	57	10	67	1	10	1	10	77	51	6	100	89	5	101	1	50 73
Parma Center	W. G. Worboys	39		39	1	8	1	10	59	21	12	83	30		69	2	27 17
Clarkson	Daniel Rider	26	9	35	1	1	1	8	25			33	25		10		18 86
West Sweden	H. B. Humelsine	15		15				8	15			20	5		10		15 00
Edin	C. W. Thurbet	13	6	19		2	1	8	26			34			10		11 32
Gaines	John J. Town, sup.																
West Kendall and Kendall Mills	H. L. Miner	11	1	12	6	9	1	11	73	12	22	124	43		43	1	40 86
Abillon	B. N. Miner	47	3	50	1	15	1	13	56	16	7	72	33		40	2	40 86
Brockport	J. H. Wheeler	20	3	23	1	8	1	7	38	16	14	62	27		10		26 81
Butavia and Alexander	A. L. Bates	24	6	30	1	0	1	6	42			48	21		14		27 38
	J. H. Harmon	16	6	22	1	0	1	6	42			48	21		14		27 38
Buffalo District																	
Buffalo, Virginia Street	T. B. Simpson, D. E.	54	7	61	1	10	1	8	79	39	11	117	52		94		68 20
Buffalo, Potomac Avenue	E. A. Taylor	92	17	109		25	1	16	163	41	37	250	84		67	2	151 60
Akron and North Newstead	S. F. Pringle	37	4	41		11	1	10	68	1	5	103	33		70		35 60
Lockport	J. E. Bennett	45	19	64	2	18	1	11	77	12	5	103	53		77		42 30
Newarkville	A. H. Taylor	12		12		3		4	4	2		10	12		62		7 23
Hamden	F. C. Taylor	53	7	60	1	10	1	11	47	33	12	101	54		62		41 81
Tonawanda	Samuel Rogers	48	7	55	1	16	1	10	35	8	9	62	39		51		98 00
Singara Falls	Robert W. Woods	37	10	47	1	4	1	9	58	17	40	124	37		101	1	66 28
West Falls	M. G. Cottrill	20	2	22		4	1	8	34	4	13	73	24		20		33 15
Pendleton	Ray M. Cooley	12	1	13		4	1	4	27	2	4	42	13		33		15 57
Wales and Town Line	B. F. Hitchcock	23	1	30	1	8	1	6	35			40	10		33	1	14 24

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STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE GENESSEE CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

GENESEE AND BUFFALO DISTRICTS

CHARGE	Raised in Sunday School for Foreign Missions	Raised for Children's Fund	Raised for General Conference S. S. Board	Raised for Annual Conference Sunday School Board	Raised in Sunday School for All Other Benevolences	Total Amount Raised in Sunday School	Conferences Missions	Pastors' Support	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Support	Evangelists' Support	Incidentals	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
Genesee District																
Rochester	\$ 87 66	\$10 10	\$4 50	\$ 3 11	\$10 50	\$ 213 11	\$ 24 60	\$ 1223 95	\$ 350	\$ 137 50	\$ 92 00	\$ 363 15	1	\$ 12000	1	\$ 8000
North Chili	20 17	1 00	3 00	25	27 48	108 63	11 20	476 00	110	70 00	25 38	211 23	1	2500	1	1900
Center	6 20	1 58	70	70	7 05	43 40	3 30	450 00	75	55 22	95 00	95 00	1	3000	1	1500
Carlson	2 35	.....	.....	.....	.....	21 21	4 80	218 33	.....	30 03	.....	35 68	1	1500	.....	.....
West Sweden	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 00	1 00	100 00	50	11 26	.....	.....	1	1000	1	800
Elba	2 63	.....	.....	.....	.....	13 96	.....	79 92	.....	9 72	.....	24 42	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gaines	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	174 50	60	28 38	.....	27 12	1	1000	1	1000
West Kendall and Kendall Mills	6 17	2 90	2 25	1 20	19 54	91 78	8 20	581 51	100	75 00	47 33	360 77	2	5000	1	1500
Albion	9 12	2 50	2 00	403	27 98	88 46	14 00	503 68	150	81 22	.....	418 12	1	9000	1	3000
Brockport	2 75	1 14	73	2 43	7 73	33 62	5 20	301 80	150	36 96	.....	831 11	1	3000	1	3000
Batavia and Alexander	.....	1 50	.....	50	3 00	31 78	4 00	400 00	100	40 00	.....	78 37	2	2000	1	1800
Buffalo District																
Buffalo, Virginia Street	18 76	5 53	.....	.....	10 20	100 69	10 00	750 00	300	91 21	35 00	1057 00	1	14000	1	9500
Buffalo, Potomac Avenue	125 60	5 36	.....	.....	23 58	336 93	16 30	130 00	200	116 11	33 61	1874 91	1	12000	1	9500
Akron and North Newstead	1 44	1 34	.....	.....	10 50	37 90	10 00	300 40	150	55 89	33 61	874 91	1	2500	1	1800
Lockport	2 04	3 10	.....	.....	15 10	57 14	16 20	532 51	150	62 00	40 06	181 97	1	5000	1	1500
Newfane	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 23	2 40	135 40	120	21 73	.....	.....	1	2000	1	2000
Tonawanda	.....	8 40	1 00	.....	7 03	58 24	10 40	500 00	120	60 00	33 45	149 71	1	3000	1	2000
Niagara Falls	6 35	6 04	.....	.....	9 64	120 03	7 80	885 31	120	63 38	32 22	274 46	1	4500	1	1200
West Falls	19 06	2 00	1 00	.....	11 75	100 07	7 20	546 66	168	62 06	25 58	871 65	1	4500	1	2780
Pendleton	.....	.....	1 70	1 25	.....	38 10	4 60	304 21	100	25 00	23 33	25 51	1	2000	1	1400
Wales and Town Line	38 40	4 50	1 00	1 00	18 40	78 87	2 20	800 00	75	27 64	5 50	86 83	1	2000	1	850
District meetings	.....	.....	.....	1 57	2 00	17 81	3 80	250 00	.....	38 14	.....	28 48	2	2500	1	500

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE GENESEE CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

ALLEGHANY AND CHAUTAUAQUA DISTRICTS

CHARGE	Raised in Sunday School for Foreign Missions	Raised for Children's Fund	Raised for General Conference	Raised for Annual Conference Sunday School Board	Raised in Sunday School for All	Other Benevolences	Total Amount Raised in Sunday School	Conference Missions	Pastors' Support	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Support	Wynegist's Support	Incidentals	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
Alleghany District																	
Alleghany	\$ 1 00	1 16	2 50	3 05	34 38	14 05	55 91	4 80	291 92	75	40 00	17 35	95 68	1	2000	1	1500
Belmont	8 78	1 80	2 50	1 00	42 17	85 05	117 23	16 00	822 30	100	77 40	17 35	151 58	1	2000	1	1500
Brook	4 49	1 35	2 25	1 18	11 28	17 23	55 91	11 80	706 00	200	71 13	14 00	174 33	1	2000	1	1500
Bolivar	13 50	1 81	1 31	1 31	8 00	55 91	55 91	7 50	414 00	130	39 65	14 00	67 90	1	2000	1	1500
East Otto, Ashford and Spring									600 00	75	70 00	29 12	185 00	1	2000	1	1500
Elton and Yorkshire									230 00	50	20 48	6 00	507 00	1	2000	1	1500
Elton and Yorkshire									264 06	50	33 04	6 00	78 38	1	2000	1	1500
Franklinville									386 00	50	41 85		75 00	2	2000	1	1500
Rockville and Belfast																	
Johnsonburg and Union Corners																	
Gainesville, Wethersfield Springs																	
Chautauqua District																	
Jamestown	68 59	5 00	13 00	3 38	61 00	352 60	52 04	18 80	816 00	150	107 21	138 63	924 50	1	10000	1	2000
Forestville and Smith Mills	2 00	2 00			13 45	52 04		7 00	384 31	100	44 56		95 88	1	1000	1	1500
West Side House, Saw Mill Run	16 69	1 12	1 50	55	6 42	53 79	17 17	5 20	307 30	60	40 19	80 00	81 05	1	1000	1	800
South Dayton	3 60	75	28	25	25	36 25	49 03	6 80	328 25	6 80	33 30	10 00	31 07	1	1500	1	1200
Ellington	20 00	76	3 00	25	25	49 03		1 40	328 25	6 80	33 30	10 00	81 59	1	1000	1	900
East Randolph	31 17	1 58	8 54	1 00	2 67	106 81	18 45	13 60	569 00	75	37 54	25 00	13 15	1	1700	1	1000
Gerry and Gerry Homes		1 20		3 00		18 45	18 45	6 40	455 41	120	56 16	44 00	120 00	1	2500	1	1200
Cattaraugus and New Albion	3 10	8 63	1 15	84	10 85	36 87	1 00	211 65	211 65	132	38 29	49 50	308 35	1	2500	1	1200
Gowanda		1 13		1 13	18 90	52 72	4 20	325 70	325 70	75	38 29	32 50	181 91	1	2000	1	1000
Collins Center and Marshfield	7 00	5 00		59	1 00	57 29		3 40	370 17		147 97	36 75	962 33	1	2000	1	2700
Fredonia and Dunkirk																	
District meetings																	
Total	\$32 62	\$87 69	53 55	\$39 81	421 46	\$2818 90		\$343 45	\$1894 36	\$ 4300	\$2505 18	\$ 932 91	14262 26	51	\$151000	41	\$171400

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society reported less than the preachers on the Genesee district, \$89.15. More than the pastors on the Alleghany district, \$21.67; Buffalo district, \$88.41; Chautauqua district, \$91.39. Total raised by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, \$2,460.76.

WABASH CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Thirty-third Annual Session, held
at Bedford, Indiana, August 29-September 2,
1917

OFFICERS

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E. G. GRIMES, *Statistical Secretary*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—W. A. Sellew, W. R. Bonham, Duane Bailiff.
On Church Literature—C. E. Haworth, E. G. Grimes, Elias Lewis.
On State of the Work—W. R. Bonham, H. E. Perigo, Isaac Kesler.
On Sabbath-schools—J. B. Lutz, M. E. Lewis, A. C. Enderline.
On Education—C. A. Alexander, C. A. Fleming, H. C. Duval.
On Charities—Osmon P. Ellis, W. H. Haynes, Nellie Ivers.
On Memoirs—H. J. McKinnell, D. S. Moore, Clark Wilson.
To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—U. S. Ferguson, R. F. Durham,
Daniel Maves.
To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes—Osmon P. Ellis.
On Complimentary Resolutions—J. B. Lutz, J. P. Scherb, Lizzie Jones.
On Missions and Missionary Appropriations—The stationing committee.
To Publish the Minutes—The secretaries.
On Conference Claimants and Claims—W. A. Sellew, W. R. Bonham, H. E.
Perigo, Isaac Kesler, S. I. Carlisle.
On Reforms—R. C. McDaniels, W. H. Thompson, Sr., Bert Buchanan.
On Ministerial Relations—John A. Watson, A. F. Niswonger, U. S. Ferguson,
Frank Moore, S. I. Carlisle.
On Ministerial Support—John A. Watson, J. B. Lutz, Isaac Kesler.

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John A. Watson, president, for four years; U. S. Ferguson, secretary, for three
years; Isaac Kesler, treasurer, for one year; S. I. Carlisle, for two years;
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SUNDAY-SCHOOL SECRETARY

Mrs. Laura Niswonger, Pine Village, Indiana

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ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Conference Claimants; second quarter, General Missions, Conference Missions; third quarter, Church Extension, Foreign Missions, General Conference Entertainment; fourth quarter, Bishops' Salaries, Delegates' Expenses to General Conference.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Reforms—E. G. Grimes, *On Sabbath-schools*—A. C. Enderline,
On Church Literature—U. S. Ferguson, *On Education*—M. E. Lewis,
On State of the Work—H. E. Perigo, *On Charities*—C. A. Fleming.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

H. J. McKinnel,	S. H. Lewis,	A. F. Niswonger,
D. S. Moore,	U. S. Ferguson,	John A. Watson,
E. T. Corson,	J. L. Duval,	G. W. Gilkison,
J. F. Erwin,	J. B. Lutz,	R. F. Durham,
W. V. Miller,	U. G. Hoover,	C. A. Fleming,
O. P. Ellis,	W. H. Haynes,	R. C. McDaniels,
W. R. Bonham,	A. P. Gouthey,	E. G. Grimes,
F. W. Johnson,	H. E. Perigo,	Duane Balliff,
O. Montgomery,	M. E. Lewis,	R. A. Watson,
J. B. Robinette,	G. H. Schofield,	W. H. Thompson, Sr.,
Delbert Haynes,	Lizzie Jones,	C. E. Haworth,
C. A. Alexander,	O. L. Mumaw.	

DELEGATES

Logan E. Long.	Eva Gilliatt.	Elias Lewis.
Frank Moore,	A. C. Enderline,	Louise Bisking,
J. W. Garrison,	Adella Drummond.	W. Golden,
J. H. Potts,	Bert Buchanan,	Alta Honis,
H. C. Duvall,	Edward Cullison,	Hetty Lane,
Alfred Early.	Vera Babbs,	J. P. Scherb,
Clark Wilson,	Nettie Ivers.	Daniel Maves,
S. I. Carlisle,	Clarence Smith,	James McMahan,
Florence Hoover,	Isaac Kesler,	Roland Green,
W. M. Buckler,	Lena Moesner.	

2. Who are the stationing committee? W. A. Sellew, W. R. Bonham, H. E. Perigo, Isaac Kesler, S. I. Carlisle.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? Chester E. Pendry, J. P. Rowland, Joseph Myers, Clarence Curry.

Bluffton.....To be supplied
College Corners.....J. A. Reed, supply, according to ¶ 118 of the Discipline
Lizzie Jones, A. P. Gouthey, evangelists; R. A. Watson, supernumerary.

WABASH DISTRICT—W. R. BONHAM, District Elder, Mt. Carmel, Illinois
Terre Haute.....R. C. McDaniels, Mattie McDaniels, supply,
.....441 South 16th street, Terre Haute, Indiana
Vincennes.....C. E. Haworth, 409 Sycamore street, Vincennes, "
Lawrenceville.....E. G. Grimes, Lawrenceville, Illinois
Birds, Bee Branch, Island and Pinkstaff..W. H. Thompson, Sr., Birds, "
Olney, North Bend and Victory.....W. H. Sampson, supply, Olney, "
St. Francisville, Liberty and New Hope..U. S. Ferguson, St. Francisville, "
Mt. Carmel.....F. W. Johnson, 410 Poplar street, Mt. Carmel, "
Clay City and Ashboro.....W. H. Haynes, Clay City, Indiana
West Salem and Immanuel.....J. B. Robinette, West Salem, Illinois
Mt. Hope and Mt. Zion.....Howard Barrett, supply, Calhoun, "
Belmont, Browns and Grayville.....To be supplied
Woods' ChapelTo be supplied

E. T. Corson, supplying work in Central Illinois conference; D. S. Moore, evangelist, Lawrenceville, Illinois; M. E. Lewis, evangelist, 425 South 16th street, Terre Haute, Indiana; R. E. Chambers, evangelist, Terre Haute, Indiana; O. Montgomery, supernumerary, Terre Haute, Indiana; T. T. Johnson, supernumerary, Pinkstaff, Illinois; W. R. Bonham, member of quarterly conference of Wabash district.

EVANSVILLE DISTRICT—W. R. BONHAM, District Elder

Evansville.....O. L. Mumaw, 407 South Governor street, Evansville, Indiana
Bedford.....G. W. Gilkison, Bedford, "
Ft. Branch.....John Wire, supply, Ft. Branch, "
Tennyson and Bloomfield.....William H. Thompson, Jr., Tennyson, "
Taswell and Cunningham Chapel.....Clarence Curry, Taswell, "
Millstone and Shellcross.....Edward P. Kinser, supply, Dodd, "

Delbert Haynes, supernumerary.

LOCAL PREACHERS

H. C. Duval.....LaFayette, Indiana	John G. Wire.....Ft. Branch, Indiana
Clarence Smith .....Boswell, "	C. W. Atkinson.....Boswell, "
George Roark .....Attica, "	T. B. Duval.....Attica, "
T. H. Duval.....Terre Haute, "	E. Cummings.....Red Key, "
Joseph Hinman ....Boonville, "	F. Driscoll.....Red Key, "
E. B. Allen.....Indianapolis, "	Edward P. Kinser.....Dodd, "
L. M. Earl.....Evansville, "	Herbert Lonsberry...Detroit, Michigan
A. L. Kilburn...Indianapolis, "	G. H. Vaught.....Mt. Carmel, Illinois
A. B. Clark.....Indianapolis, "	Amos Shaw .....Hoopeston, "
Merton Knowles, Independence, Indiana	Charles Miller .....Birds, "
Joseph Glispy...Moore's Hill, Indiana	Guy Ferguson .....Urbana, "
George Buck .....LaFayette, "	F. M. Cullison...Lawrenceville, "
Jacob Bowman ....Rockport, "	Henry Johnson .....Danville, "
Claude Boswel .....Fowler, "	Samuel Swisher ....Danville, "
John A. King...Indianapolis, "	John H. Potts, St. Francisville, "
Everett Trimble .....Oxford, "	Albert Padgett, St. Francisville, Illinois
William Buckler, Indianapolis, Indiana	Page Whittaker ....Calhoun, Illinois
Noah Fletcher...Pine Village, Indiana	Frank Wiley.....West Salem, "
Ralph Gwinn .....Oxford, "	Howard W. Barrett..Calhoun, "
Wesley Golden .....Bedford, "	W. H. Sampson.....Olney, "
John R. Lytton...Bedford, Indiana	Grover Boley .....Calhoun, "

EVANGELISTS

Mrs. C. A. Fleming..	Boswell, Indiana	Blanche E. Perigo....	Danville, Illinois
Mattie McDaniels,	Terre Haute, Indiana	Elizabeth Wigglund...	Danville, "
		Clara McGiffin	Neoga, "
Mrs. Joseph Glispy,	Moore's Hill, Indiana	Flora B. Foster.....	Danville, "
		Mrs. J. B. Robinette,	West Salem, Illinois
Imogene Quinn..	Indianapolis, Indiana	Nellie Carson	Urbana, Illinois
Ruth Clark	Indianapolis, "	Flora Alexander.....	Westfield, "
Albert Clark ...	Indianapolis, "	Ina Cochran	Pinkstaff, "
Lizzie Klingler....	Clay City, "	Maude Stanley	Olney, "
Edna Buckler ..	Indianapolis, "	Minnie Miller..	Spring Arbor, Michigan
Ona Stone	Indianapolis, "		
	Pyrle Long		Marshfield, Indiana

OUR TRANSLATED FRIENDS

REV. ENOS E. ROBBINS, a charter member of the Wabash conference, a pioneer preacher, a clean man and tenacious for the truth.

REV. J. B. HULL, a type of early Free Methodism. He loved the truth and was fearless in its defense.

REV. N. S. OGBORN, one of the faithful ones and much loved in his home village and elsewhere. Greatly missed.

MARY ELIZABETH LEWIS, wife of Rev. S. H. Lewis, cheerfully endured the hardships of the days of early Free Methodism. Faithful in all things.

MISCELLANEOUS

This session of the conference was pronounced one of the best and was well attended. Bishop Sellew presided with his usual grace and ability. The business meetings were interesting and at times spiritual. Special interest was manifest in the evangelistic services.

Rev. Duane Bailiff and wife were abundant in labors in entertaining the conference and were loyally supported in this work by the Bedford society.

The W. F. M. S. held a public service on Sabbath afternoon. Rev. J. S. MacGeary gave an instructive address.

The W. F. M. S. did excellent work this year, with indications of better work the coming year.

C. A. Alexander and O. L. Mumaw were ordained deacons.

TREASURER'S REPORT

FUND FOR PUBLISHING MINUTES—\$39.40.

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PERMANENT FUND—In full, \$63.30.

CHURCH EXTENSION—In full, \$126.60.

GENERAL CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT—In full, \$25.32.

CONFERENCE MISSIONS—In full, \$362.30.

CHILDREN'S FUND—\$14.86.

EDUCATIONAL FUND—\$11.25.

FOREIGN MISSIONS FUND—\$24.50.

RAISED BY W. F. M. S.—\$1,242.67.

GENERAL CONFERENCE SUNDAY-SCHOOL—\$1.80.

PAID OUT OF CONFERENCE MISSIONS FUND—To Sidel charge, \$50; to Millstone charge, \$25; to Tennyson charge, \$50; to Olney charge, \$25; to pastor of Urbana charge, \$62; to pastor of Arcola charge, \$25; to pastor of Attica charge, \$10; to pastor of Indianapolis Second Church, \$25; to pastor of Belmont

charge, \$25; to pastor of Taswell charge, \$25; to pastor of Bedford charge, \$10; to pastor of Millstone charge, \$10; to pastor of Olney charge, \$10; to pastor of Tennyson charge, \$10.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT

The people have for some time been surprised at the unreasonable increase in the cost of living. Recently prices have increased by leaps and bounds until now we are not surprised at advanced prices, but take it as a hard matter of fact. A long-suffering public have been longing for release from these heavy burdens, but with indications that prices will become higher rather than lower.

While the cost of living continues to increase, the salaries of preachers as a rule remain the same. Reason and justice demand that the salaries of preachers be increased and the necessities of the home demand that it shall be done at once. We beseech our lay members to prayerfully consider this matter. We recommend

1. That the district elders present this matter to the societies throughout the conference on their first round of quarterly meetings.
2. That when it has not been recently done, the usual pastor's salary shall be increased not less than twenty per cent.
3. That the salaries of district elders be a sum not less than one thousand dollars.
4. That the budget system be adopted in raising church finances.

II.—ON REFORMS

We are glad to be associated with a people whose God is the Lord, whose champion went forth on every line of reform, and, as one of our beloved bishops remarked, "When a reformer comes on the scene, we inform him we were there before he arrived;" nevertheless the Scripture teaches us to "prove all things; hold fast that which is good."

Reform—Amendment of what is defective. To form anew. Just at the present a great world-wide reformation is on. Autocracy has challenged democracy, and bloodshed and carnage follow in the wake. Let us pray that God's hand of power may purify the nations.

LIQUOR TRAFFIC.—The liquor demon is doomed. The Prohibition forces move slowly but surely forward, advanced grounds are taken, new victories won, and as we continue to stand shoulder to shoulder against this mighty foe, complete victory is ours in no very great distant day. Here are a few of the many encouraging reports of successful results of prohibition:

Chief of Police Dale, Little Rock, Arkansas, says, "Crime reduced fifty to seventy-five per cent."

Mayor Breece, Charleston, West Virginia: "We have saved enough by reduction in police department and poor fund to offset loss of \$51,000 revenue, besides big savings in the courts and prisons."

Governor Carlson, Colorado: "Two thousand new savings accounts opened in one month; collections in department stores broke all records; credit men report many overdue accounts deemed uncollectible paid up; crime reduced greatly."

Governor Capper, Kansas: "Wealth per capita greater than any other state; death rate lowest per capita; bank deposits largest of any state; fewest tenants, most home owners of any state; no open bar-rooms and an auto to every fifth family; two million people who never saw a saloon."

With these facts to encourage us, let us press the battle on, brethren, until ours is a bone dry nation.

TOBACCO.—Tobacco is an ally of the liquor demon. It is responsible for many of the nervous, mental and moral wrecks found in our reform schools, criminal courts and insane asylums.

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STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WABASH CONFERENCE

DANVILLE, INDIANAPOLIS AND WESTFIELD DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers and Evangelists	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars (Number Enrolled)	Members in Home Department	Names on Cradle Roll	Total Enrollment	General Conference (Assessed Claims) Total Only	Foreign Missions	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Educational Fund	Raised for Sunday School Expenses
Danville District	H. E. Perigo, D. E.																
	O. P. Ellis.....	57	4	61	5	5	1	10	90	28	128	\$ 50 00	\$ 50 00	\$ 128	\$ 104 45	\$ 104 45	\$ 94 28
	D. S. Moore.....	57	5	62	12	12	1	16	115	5	120	\$ 71 25	\$ 71 25	\$ 125	\$ 44 75	\$ 44 75	\$ 82 50
	A. F. Niswonger.....	44	13	57	12	12	2	21	112	8	120	\$ 46 00	\$ 46 00	\$ 118	\$ 37 75	\$ 37 75	\$ 52 41
	J. L. Duval.....	29	3	32	15	15	1	9	40	3	43	\$ 31 62	\$ 31 62	\$ 40	\$ 28 82	\$ 28 82	\$ 34 56
	O. J. W. Haynes.....	12	3	15	11	11	1	11	20	6	26	\$ 13 00	\$ 13 00	\$ 21 00	\$ 6 00	\$ 6 00	\$ 14 04
	H. J. McKinnell.....	26	3	29	10	10	1	17	60	3	63	\$ 54 00	\$ 54 00	\$ 60	\$ 137 84	\$ 137 84	\$ 46 80
	C. A. Fleming.....	38	7	45	3	3	1	11	70	4	74	\$ 45 00	\$ 45 00	\$ 74	\$ 54 78	\$ 54 78	\$ 38 58
	E. Trimble.....	39	2	41	11	11	1	17	35	7	42	\$ 6 00	\$ 6 00	\$ 35	\$ 41 85	\$ 41 85	\$ 16 07
	E. A. Watson.....	46	6	52	11	11	1	10	10	13	23	\$ 45 00	\$ 45 00	\$ 23	\$ 34 08	\$ 34 08	\$ 34 08
	J. R. Rowland.....	19	1	20	1	1	1	10	10	80	80	\$ 17 88	\$ 17 88	\$ 80	\$ 23 55	\$ 23 55	\$ 23 55
	E. C. Boyes.....	5	1	6	1	1	1	10	10	80	80	\$ 8 75	\$ 8 75	\$ 80	\$ 14 53	\$ 14 53	\$ 14 53
Indianapolis District	H. E. Perigo, D. E.																
	J. B. Lutz.....	80	6	86	7	7	1	18	161	20	181	\$ 112 50	\$ 112 50	\$ 181	\$ 207 10	\$ 207 10	\$ 118 92
	Mrs. H. E. Perigo.....	40	6	46	6	6	1	10	80	24	104	\$ 25 00	\$ 25 00	\$ 104	\$ 20 00	\$ 20 00	\$ 67 16
	J. C. Black.....	29	11	40	7	7	2	14	64	11	75	\$ 28 00	\$ 28 00	\$ 75	\$ 20 00	\$ 20 00	\$ 43 55
Westfield District	H. E. Perigo, D. E.																
	J. F. Ervin.....	38	3	41	10	10	2	13	70	6	76	\$ 48 75	\$ 48 75	\$ 76	\$ 10 00	\$ 10 00	\$ 37 35
	Clara McGiffin.....	20	4	24	4	4	2	14	51	18	69	\$ 19 00	\$ 19 00	\$ 69	\$ 25 00	\$ 25 00	\$ 25 00
	C. A. Alexander.....	42	21	63	17	17	2	19	50	20	70	\$ 42 00	\$ 42 00	\$ 70	\$ 25 00	\$ 25 00	\$ 69 83
	Bernice Buchanan.....	11	1	12	4	4	1	10	41	1	42	\$ 5 00	\$ 5 00	\$ 42	\$ 16 40	\$ 16 40	\$ 22 80

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WABASH CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

WABASH AND EVANSVILLE DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers and Evangelists	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars (Number Enrolled)	Members in Home Department	Names on Cradle Roll	Total Enrollment	General Conference (Assessed Claims)	Foreign Missions	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Educational Fund	Raised for Sunday School Expenses
Wabash District																	
West Salem, Mt. Hope, Mt. Zion and Immanuel	W. R. Bonham, D. E.	76	7	83	4	4	4	36	100	...	10	175	76 00	24 39	50 00	10 75	96 00
Belmont	J. B. Robinette	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 25	...	...	...	...
Mt. Carmel	Supplied	50	4	54	2	9	1	23	180	30	132	365	49 00	...	57 00	...	183 00
Vincennes	F. W. Johnson	44	6	50	1	12	1	11	81	...	2	94	46 00	...	6 25	45 00	47 03
Ft. Branch	C. E. Hayworth	8	...	10	1	1	1	15	150	8	35	120	10 50	26 08	112 01	...	222 78
Lawrenceville	J. G. Grimes	68	3	71	1	6	1	15	150	...	...	...	48 00	...	...	...	...
Birds, Bee Branch, Island and Pinkstar	W. H. Thompson	87	4	91	2	8	4	25	233	35	...	293	94 00	13 10	...	...	192 08
St. Francisville and Liberty	R. F. Durham	52	3	55	1	7	1	14	66	17	10	87	94 00	...	20 18	...	80 07
Terre Haute	R. C. McDaniel	45	3	48	2	21	1	10	40	6	10	150	56 00	10 85	75 00	3 74	37 30
Day City and Ashboro	W. H. Haynes	54	4	58	1	16	2	14	150	...	...	60	35 60	...	...	...	36 00
Omey and North Bend	G. W. Girkson	37	1	38	1	4	2	16	60	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	26 00
Evansville District																	
Evansville	W. R. Bonham, D. E.	38	5	43	1	6	1	12	75	6	16	109	34 00	...	14 17	...	46 26
Tennysen and Bloomfield	O. L. Mumau	43	1	44	...	5	2	11	50	...	4	64	43 75	...	...	10 00	19 23
Beiford	T. T. Johnson	40	7	47	4	3	1	10	100	3	28	138	57 00	5 98	...	...	78 00
Millstone and Schallcross	D. Baillif	23	13	36	...	4	2	16	90	...	...	39	21 00	...	...	...	72 50
Taswell and Cunningham Chapel	W. H. Thompson	22	6	28	...	4	1	6	36	...	...	...	25 00	...	...	...	12 00
Evansville	E. F. Kinser	22	6	28	...	4	1	6	36	...	...	...	25 00	...	...	...	12 00
Total		1303	166	1469	61	248	50	439	2683	147	530	3299	\$1306 75	\$ 311 38	\$ 1072 82	\$91 99	\$1998 40

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WABASH CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

DANVILLE, INDIANAPOLIS AND WESTFIELD DISTRICTS

CHARGE	Raised in Sunday School for Foreign Missions	Raised for Children's Fund	Raised for General Conference	Raised for Annual Conference School Board	Raised in Sunday School for All Other Benevolences	Total Amount Raised in Sunday School	Conferences	Pastors' Support	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Support	Evangelists' Support	Incidentals	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
Danville District																
Danville	\$ 8 00	\$	\$	\$ 2 20	\$ 104 49	\$ 12 50	\$ 634 24	\$ 150	\$ 71 73	\$ 84 69	\$ 219 87	\$ 4000	1	\$ 4000	1	\$ 2000
Attica, Antioch and Blackrock	..	..	..	2 36	83 59	14 25	500 00	100	50 25	..	..	5000	1	5000	1	1000
Pine Village and Marshfield	..	..	..	..	35 77	11 30	600 00	180	45 00	..	..	2000	1	2000	1	2000
Urbana	..	..	..	2 40	36 76	8 29	600 00	180	45 00	..	..	2000	1	2000	1	2000
Rantoul	..	..	..	..	2 20	13 52	113 52	120	40 00	..	..	1200	1	1200	1	1300
Henning and Bethel	..	..	..	..	48 69	6 75	550 60	120	100 00	..	..	361 69	1	1200	1	1300
Heaven and Templeton	..	..	..	1 50	54 73	10 80	590 00	110	59 69	..	..	200 00	2	4000	1	2000
Oxley and Fayette	2 10	1 00	..	1 75	17 82	1 50	37 10	72	12 00	..	..	117 54	1	2000	1	1700
Rankin	30 00	2 60	..	2 00	64 68	11 25	575 00	180	60 00	..	..	30 00	2	1000	1	700
Crawfordsville	..	..	..	..	..	2 50	290 13	..	31 13	..	..	642 50	1	6000	1	2500
	..	..	..	..	..	..	100 21	..	47 51	..	..	82 86	3	..	..	..
Indianapolis District																
Indianapolis, First Church	50 23	3 23	3 54	4 00	215 82	20 00	1017 00	..	80 00	151 48	263 85	7000	1	7000	..	..
Indianapolis, Second Church	5 34	..	..	3 00	73 50	6 25	408 00	..	32 00	80 75	1005 29	4500	2	4500	1	1500
Muncie and Red Key	21 10	..	..	1 00	74 65	7 00	307 10	..	63 35	89 13	190 08	..	..	..	..	..
Westfield District																
Arcola, Tuscola and Charleston	7 00	60	40	2 00	47 85	9 75	300 00	72	50 96	92 44	570 50	3000	3	3000	1	800
Neoga	6 86	..	..	..	31 86	4 75	112 84	51	35 11	125 53	87 73	1700	..	1700	..	750
Westfield and Pleasant Grove	12 06	6 82	..	..	87 71	10 50	510 00	75	50 00	103 50	126 50	3000	3	3000	1	1000
Sidell	8 15	3 66	1 00	3 06	43 55	1 25	281 50	..	40 00	82 60	105 00	1500	1	1500	..	..

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WABASH CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

WABASH AND EVANSVILLE DISTRICTS

CHARGE	Raised in Sunday School for Foreign Missions	Raised for Children's Fund	Raised for General Conference	Raised for Annual Conference Sunday School Board	Raised in Sunday School for All Other Benevolences	Total Amount Raised in Sunday School	Conference Missions	Pastors' Support	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Support	Evangelists' Support	Incidentals	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
Wabash District																
West Salem, Mt. Hope, Mt. Zion and Immanuel	\$ 50 00	\$ 4 00	\$	\$	\$	\$ 140 00	\$ 19 00	\$ 464 20	55	80 00	10 95	251 00	4	4000	1	800
Belmont	1 50	3 76	..	..	..	188 29	12 25	572 00	120	70 00	25 50	177 28	1	1000	1	1000
Mt. Carmel	3 13	1 12	2 48	..	8 52	62 28	11 50	500 00	130	50 75	44 00	148 48	1	1500	1	1000
Vincennes .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	79 00	184	..	..	138 45	1	1000	1	1000
Ft. Branch	26 08	..	3 30	..	8 92	261 08	12 00	686 00	100	73 00	40 00	400 00	1	6000	1	2500
Lawrenceville .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Birds, Bee Branch, Island and Pinkstaff	12 10	2 40	1 00	..	9 92	215 50	21 00	597 81	60	88 27	196 61	115 48	4	4100	1	1200
St. Andrews and Liberty	11 13	1 50	..	..	4 10	35 47	12 50	410 00	120	75 00	106 86	597 03	3	2400	1	1500
Warrick .....	..	..	..	..	..	54 03	9 00	400 00	..	40 00	50 34	156 00	1	1500	1	1100
Clare City and Ashboro	6 10	2 08	3 75	..	..	107 93	14 00	560 00	100	82 00	23 00	145 60	2	3100	1	1100
Olney and North Bend .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	9 00	325 75	91	52 40	157 00	37 07	2	2000	..	..
Evansville District																
Evansville	8 37	3 76	..	..	2 97	61 26	8 50	470 56	100	60 00	21 50	279 30	1	3000	1	800
Terre Haute .....	..	..	..	..	9 00	28 23	10 75	261 00	48	60 00	12 00	72 93	2	1800	1	400
Bloomington and Bloomfield .....	..	..	..	..	..	83 85	11 50	560 00	126	40 00	..	75 00	1	4000	..	..
Millstone and Schallcross .....	..	1 25	..	..	4 25	28 00	5 25	254 83	60	56 00	18 70	28 00	1	600	1	500
Taswell and Cunningham Chapel	2 13	..	..	..	..	14 14	5 00	149 27	50	28 00	10 45	26 50	1	1000	1	500
Total	\$263 38	\$35 62	\$22 87	\$116 08	\$293 71	\$12201 31	\$ 2694	\$1790 35	\$2063 17	\$7821 52	57	\$103800	27	\$34100		

NORTH MINNESOTA CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Thirty-first Annual Session, held
at Park Rapids, Minnesota, September 13-16,
1917

OFFICERS

FRANK L. BAKER, *President*
EMMA FISHER, *Secretary* JESSE RANDALL, *Assistant Secretary*
F. O. LEWIS, *Treasurer* A. S. McCLURE, *Sunday-school Secretary*
F. O. LEWIS, *Railroad Secretary*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—F. L. Baker, J. H. Wilson, F. O. Lewis.
On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.
On State of the Work—J. H. Wilson.
To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—M. W. Sides, Clifford Nordberg.
To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes—E. C. Madsen.
On Reforms—E. W. Winn, Harvey Redfield, E. C. Madsen, John Addington.
On Education—M. W. Sides, Helen Potter, Cora Owen.
On Publications—A. S. McClure, Harry Redfield, Jennie Nichols.
On Sunday-schools—A. B. Newkirk, Frank Randall, Myrtle Akin, Sam Larson.
On Charities—F. O. Lewis, T. B. Adams, Arthur McKindley.
On Conference Missions—The stationing committee.
On Complimentary Resolutions—J. H. Wilson.
On Nominations—J. H. Wilson, F. O. Lewis, Harry Redfield.
To Audit Treasurer's Books—F. O. Lewis.
On Claimants and Claims—F. L. Baker, J. H. Wilson, F. O. Lewis, Harry Redfield, Frank Randall.
On Memoirs—F. O. Lewis, T. B. Adams.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

J. H. Wilson, president, for one year; A. B. Newkirk, for two years; F. O. Lewis, secretary, for three years.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

A. S. McClure, president; T. B. Adams, secretary; F. O. Lewis, treasurer; Harvey Redfield, J. S. McCay.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

T. B. Adams, president, for one year; F. O. Lewis, secretary, and Jesse Randall, treasurer, for two years; A. S. McClure, Harry Redfield, for three years.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL BOARD

A. S. McClure, president; Jesse Randall, secretary; Emma Fisher, treasurer.

EVANGELISTIC BOARD

T. B. Adams, president; Jesse Randall, secretary; A. B. Newkirk, treasurer.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Reforms—T. B. Adams, *On Publications*—E. W. Winn,
On Education—M. W. Sides, *On Charities*—A. S. McClure,
 On Sunday-schools—J. H. Wilson.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Conference Claimants; second quarter, General Missions, Conference Missions (25 cents); third quarter, Bishops' Salaries, Permanent Fund, Church Extension; fourth quarter, General Conference Entertainment, General Conference Delegates' Expenses.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Emma Fisher, president, Osakis, Minnesota; Mrs. Jennie Nichols, first vice-president; Mrs. A. S. McClure, second vice-president; Mrs. Viola Sides, recording secretary; Mrs. Amy Gregory, corresponding secretary, Motley, Minnesota; Mrs. Cora Owen, treasurer, Alexandria, Minnesota; Mrs. Myrtle Akin, superintendent of Junior work, Motley, Minnesota.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

W. Barham,
A. B. Newkirk,
A. S. Parks,
A. S. McClure,
E. R. Langworthy.

F. O. Lewis,
E. C. Madsen,
E. W. Winn,
M. W. Sides,

T. B. Adams,
J. H. Wilson,
A. E. Knaak,
Helen Potter,

DELEGATES

Clifford Nordberg,
Arthur McKindley,
Frank Randall,
Myrtle Akin,

Sam Larson,
Harry Redfield,
Jennie Nichols,
Gertrude LaDue.

Harvey Redfield,
J. B. Addington,
Cora Owen,

2. Who are the stationing committee? F. L. Baker, J. H. Wilson, Harry Redfield.
3. What preachers are admitted on trial? W. B. Elliott.
4. Who remain on trial? H. W. Miller.
5. Who were admitted into full connection? M. W. Sides, Helen Potter.
6. Who are the deacons? A. S. Parks, E. W. Winn, A. E. Knaak, M. W. Sides, Helen Potter, E. R. Langworthy.
10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? W. Barham.
11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? E. R. Langworthy, from the Colorado conference.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.
- 16-20. See statistical table.
21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? W. Barham, \$150; Mrs. Mary Norris, \$140; Mrs. A. M. Keniston, \$30.
24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.
25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Burtrum, Minnesota, as near the middle of September as will suit the convenience of the presiding bishop.

MISCELLANEOUS

The thirty-first session of the North Minnesota annual conference was held at Park Rapids, Minnesota, September 13-16, 1917. We regret that our beloved Bishop Jones was unable to be with us, but were well satisfied with his appointee, Rev. F. L. Baker, who ably presided over the conference, preached three times and held a missionary meeting Sunday afternoon. His genial manner, deep spirituality, untiring labors, and sermons delivered in

the demonstration of the Spirit made him a blessing to us. A commendable spirit of liberality was manifest. There was over \$960 raised altogether for various purposes, of which \$414.76 was for foreign missions and \$121 for our conference missionary. Rev. J. W. Whiteside, of Plymouth, was again a welcome visitor among us, and represented the interests of the Wessington Springs Junior College, raising \$350 for the same. A gracious spirit of harmony and brotherly love prevailed, which made it like "sitting in heavenly places." The religious services were attended with much of the Spirit's presence, and several found glorious liberty. One feature of the religious services was street meetings and meetings on the lawns of some of the brethren who were quarantined for scarlet fever, which were much appreciated. The pilgrims of Park Rapids were unsparing in their labors to entertain the conference and succeeded royally in ministering to our comfort and pleasure.

APPOINTMENTS

BURTRUM DISTRICT—F. O. LEWIS, District Elder, Park Rapids, Minnesota

Alexandria, Hudson and Carlos.....	A. B. Newkirk, Alexandria, Minnesota
South Haven.....	E. C. Madsen, South Haven, "
Osakis, Gordon and Clotho.....	H. W. Miller, Osakis, "
Burtrum, Lake Beauty and Long Prairie.....	J. H. Wilson, Burtrum, "
Hartford and Moran.....	A. S. McClure, Browerville, "
Henriette and Roberts Schoolhouse.....	M. W. Sides, Henriette, "
Park Rapids.....	Helen Potter, Park Rapids, "
Fort Ripley and Brainerd.....	W. B. Elliott, Fort Ripley, "
Motley and Bridgeman.....	E. W. Winn, Motley, "
Fertile.....	Gertrude LaDue, supply, Fertile, "
Wahkon.....	To be supplied

T. B. Adams, conference missionary, Akeley, Minnesota; A. E. Knaak and A. S. Parks, left without appointment according to paragraph 116 of the Discipline; W. Barham, superannuated, Burtrum, Minnesota; E. R. Langworthy, conference evangelist, Spring Valley, Minnesota.

CONFERENCE EVANGELIST

Mrs. Emma Adams, Akeley, Minnesota

CONFERENCE ROLL OF PREACHERS

Year of admission into full connection	Name	Year of admission into full connection	Name
1885.....	W. Barham	1910.....	A. B. Newkirk
1887.....	J. H. Wilson	1911.....	E. W. Winn
1892.....	T. B. Adams	1912.....	E. C. Madsen
1893.....	A. S. Parks	1915.....	E. R. Langworthy
1897.....	F. O. Lewis	1917.....	M. W. Sides
1902.....	A. S. McClure	1917.....	Helen Potter
1903.....	A. E. Knaak		

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL MISSIONS—Assessed and paid, \$45.00.
 CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS—Assessed and paid, \$150.00.
 BISHOPS' SALARIES—Assessed and paid, \$54.00.
 PERMANENT FUND—Assessed and paid, \$15.00.
 CHURCH EXTENSION—Assessed and paid, \$30.00.
 GENERAL CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT—Assessed and paid, \$6.00.
 CONFERENCE MISSIONS—Assessed and paid, \$75.00.
 TOTAL—\$375.00.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON MEMOIRS

MARY WILSON.—WHEREAS, God in His infinite mercy and love has called from her labor of love to her reward our beloved sister, the wife and helpmeet of our district elder, J. H. Wilson, be it

Resolved, That we, as ministers and laymen of the North Minnesota conference, do hereby express our appreciation of her life and sacrifice for many years with her husband in his labors as pastor and district elder. As we consider her deep piety, her love for God's church and faithful performance of her Christian duties as a loving wife and mother, we are constrained to praise God for such a life.

Resolved, That we extend our sympathies to the bereaved family.

II.—ON STATE OF THE WORK

We have reason to be thankful to God for the degree of success realized the past year, and yet the meager results are such as to humble us before God, and to prompt us to seek grace and help for greater endeavors and more pronounced results of our labors.

A spirit of harmony prevails in a large degree among us as a people, and our membership, both preachers and people, stand for the "old landmarks" with but few exceptions. A spirit of revival has attended a number of meetings, including the camp meetings of the summer. God has graciously poured out His Spirit and souls have been saved and sanctified wholly, and a goodly number have been added to the church. So after deaths, removals and those who have withdrawn are accounted for we still have an increase in membership, for which we thank God. But we ought to see greater things. With the large field whitening for the harvest, the reapers should be able to put in the sickle and gather more abundant sheaves for the Master. This is easily said, but how to do this is much easier said than done. However, there are some things which can be done to help us to realize these results. By the help of grace there can be a steadier experience maintained by many of our people. Full obedience to God and unswerving faith in Him will bring wonderful results along this line. And this would give power to spread this gospel, for God's provisions are complete to accomplish the salvation of souls now as in former days. But without a steady experience in salvation our societies instead of being free to labor for souls must needs become hospitals to care for the sick and dying, figuratively speaking. We need everybody at work for the salvation of souls. The old Methodist way of "all at it and always at it" is needed to-day. We can well adopt the motto of the African Christians, viz., "Push the business of Jesus."

Each pastor should at once lay plans for a thorough revival at each point on his charge and look out for openings for work adjacent to his territory. We must have revivals. Our existence depends on them, and the only way to have them is to work and pray till God hears and answers. "Much land yet remains to be possessed," and we must go up and possess it.

There can be improvement among us on many practical lines, such as a guarding against evil speaking, so that the very fact of its existence shall not be thought of; such plainness and simplicity in dress and manner, so there shall be no call to blame the pilgrims for lack in this matter; such devotion to the services of God's house as will keep the preacher from preaching to empty seats and be an invitation to others to attend; such prayers and testimonies in the Spirit and sermons charged with fire as shall convince sinners, prove a blessing to the saints, rejoice heaven and make hell mourn because of its defeat. Oh, for a revival church, one remarkable for its life and power, as many are for their coldness and formality.

So though we have some of God, we need and must have a baptism of fire to fill our mission in North Minnesota. God help us to fall in line and forward march. Amen.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE NORTH MINNESOTA CONFERENCE

CHARGE	PREACHER		Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars (Number Enrolled)	Members in Home Department	Names on Cradle Roll	Total Enrollment	General Conference (Assessed Claims) Total Only	Foreign Missions	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Educational Fund	Raised for Sunday School Expenses
Bratrum District	J. H. Wilson, D. E.		41	12	53	3	7	1	8	65	9	10	92	\$	\$ 7 00	\$	\$	\$
Park Rapids	F. O. Lewis		22	12	34	3	9	1	9	50	9	14	82	22 34	34 00	43 60	10 00	64 85
Motley, Bridgeman, Thomastown	E. W. Winn		51	12	63	3	9	1	9	108	9	38	156	52 60	52 00	40 96	10 00	39 56
Bratrum, Lake Beauty, etc.	A. B. Newkirk		51	4	55	10	14	1	10	160	5	14	168	44 00	44 00	33 00	10 00	19 25
Osakis, Gordon and Clothe.	A. W. Miller		26	4	30	1	10	1	10	60	5	14	92	26 00	17 00	33 00	10 00	38 19
Hartford and Moran	A. S. McClure		35	7	42	1	13	1	13	95	5	17	133	34 05	34 05	40 00	10 00	88 71
Alexandria and Hudson	Belle Marriott, supply		17	2	19	1	3	1	9	30	2	16	57	17 00	17 00	19 75	10 00	23 16
South Haven	E. C. Madsen		4	4	8	1	1	1	1	14	88	21	123	5 00	5 00	67 00	10 00	76 87
Fertile	Gertrude LaDue, sup.		42	8	50	1	11	1	15	13	13	11	18	17 00	17 00	67 00	10 00	11 35
Henriette and Mora	M. W. Sides		19	1	20	1	3	1	3	8	13	11	11	16 00	16 00	67 00	10 00	11 35
Fort Ripley and Brainerd	W. B. Elliott, supply		5	1	6	1	1	1	1	8	13	11	11	16 00	16 00	67 00	10 00	11 35
Wabkon	Helen Potter		1	1	2	1	1	1	1	8	13	11	11	16 00	16 00	67 00	10 00	11 35
Total			313	47	360	9	74	13	96	568	30	130	824	\$ 293 99	\$ 34 00	\$ 243 31	\$10 00	\$ 421 65
CHARGE	Raised in Sunday School for All	Raised for Sunday School for All	Raised for Annual Conference Sunday School Board	Raised for General Conference S. S. Board	Raised for Children's Fund	Raised for Children's Fund	Raised for Children's Fund	Conference Missions	Pastors' Support	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Support	Evangelists' Support	Incidentals	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property	Value of Parsonage Property
Bratrum District	\$ 13 16	\$ 11 80	\$ 4 35	\$ 3 21	\$ 2 00	\$ 2 73	\$ 2 73	\$ 4 25	\$ 139 31	\$ 60	\$ 32 00	\$ 16 49	\$ 54 05	1	\$ 1200	1	\$ 600	\$ 600
Park Rapids	1 02	2 00	18 07	3 70	1 02	2 00	1 02	5 50	508	72	82 00	43 35	113 83	1	1000	1	800	800
Motley, Bridgeman, Thomastown	1 02	2 00	18 07	3 70	1 02	2 00	1 02	5 50	508	72	82 00	43 35	113 83	1	1000	1	800	800
Bratrum, Lake Beauty, etc.	1 02	2 00	18 07	3 70	1 02	2 00	1 02	5 50	508	72	82 00	43 35	113 83	1	1000	1	800	800
Osakis, Gordon and Clothe.	1 02	2 00	18 07	3 70	1 02	2 00	1 02	5 50	508	72	82 00	43 35	113 83	1	1000	1	800	800
Hartford and Moran	1 02	2 00	18 07	3 70	1 02	2 00	1 02	5 50	508	72	82 00	43 35	113 83	1	1000	1	800	800
Alexandria and Hudson	1 02	2 00	18 07	3 70	1 02	2 00	1 02	5 50	508	72	82 00	43 35	113 83	1	1000	1	800	800
South Haven	1 02	2 00	18 07	3 70	1 02	2 00	1 02	5 50	508	72	82 00	43 35	113 83	1	1000	1	800	800
Fertile	1 02	2 00	18 07	3 70	1 02	2 00	1 02	5 50	508	72	82 00	43 35	113 83	1	1000	1	800	800
Henriette and Mora	1 02	2 00	18 07	3 70	1 02	2 00	1 02	5 50	508	72	82 00	43 35	113 83	1	1000	1	800	800
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Wabkon	1 02	2 00	18 07	3 70	1 02	2 00	1 02	5 50	508	72	82 00	43 35	113 83	1	1000	1	800	800
Total	\$ 14 18	\$26 38	\$11 52	\$ 5 58	\$75 00	\$ 554 29	\$ 72 50	\$ 3570 88	\$ 523	\$ 447 45	\$ 328 09	\$1371 33	\$ 10800	8	\$ 7000	8	\$ 7000	\$ 7000

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE

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Minutes of the Twenty-eighth Annual Session,
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OFFICERS

WALTER A. SELLEW, *President*

W. W. VINSON, *Secretary*

S. O. YELVINGTON, *Assistant Secretary*

J. H. McCABE, *Statistical Secretary*

S. F. HEILMAN, *Treasurer*

J. EDWARD COCHRANE, *Railroad Secretary*

COMMITTEES

On Nominations—J. E. Cochrane, C. R. Ebey, J. K. Freeland, B. J. Vincent,
H. S. Gruenenwald, C. O. Cooper, J. S. Miller.

On Public Worship—W. A. Sellew, C. R. Ebey, J. E. Cochrane, A. Stokes-
berry, C. O. Cooper, E. L. Lovejoy.

On Education—B. C. Johnson, Mary Gorby, J. S. Miller, W. A. Quick, Clara
Jones.

On Prohibition—A. Stokesberry, C. Simondson, V. E. Larson, S. O. Yelvington,
J. O. Hockett, E. N. Veal.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—S. W. Stone, D. C. Lamson, F.
S. Atwell, Beryl Manyon, F. A. Stroud.

To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—J. H. Brittain, E. T. Layne.

To Publish the Minutes—The secretaries.

On Conference Stationery—The secretaries.

To Audit the Conference Treasurer's Books—E. M. Robb, C. J. Burnette.

On Resolutions—F. A. Ames, J. Nichols, Ida M. Abbott, Roy Robinson, Jen-
nie Yelvington, Mrs. A. P. Boone.

On Expense of Conference Officers—H. C. Freemantle, J. O. Hockett, Eliza-
beth Evans.

On State of the Work—C. R. Ebey, J. E. Cochrane, Emma Suess, Minnie Nash.

On Conference Claimants and Claims—W. A. Sellew, C. R. Ebey, J. E. Coch-
rane, H. S. Gruenenwald, C. O. Cooper.

STANDING COMMITTEES

ON CONFERENCE MEMBERSHIP

J. K. Freeland, A. K. Ebey, for three years; E. A. Holtwick, B. C. Johnson,
for two years; S. F. Heilman, M. C. Sperow, for one year.

TO VISIT LOS ANGELES SEMINARY

C. H. Chase, E. L. Lovejoy, M. D. Myers, W. A. McNeil, Mrs. D. C. Henderson.

ADVISORY FINANCE COMMITTEE

E. A. Holtwick, D. G. Shepard, for the conference evangelistic board; W. W.
Vinson, H. S. Gruenenwald, for the conference board of trustees; J. G.
Baird, M. C. Sperow, for the Los Angeles Seminary board of trustees;
Elizabeth Wyatt, Clara R. Freeland, for the conference W. F. M. S.;
J. E. Cochrane, C. R. Ebey, J. H. McCabe, the district elders.

ON MINISTERS' MUTUAL AID

J. K. Freeland, president; D. G. Shepard, secretary; M. C. Sperow.

TRUSTEES LOS ANGELES SEMINARY

W. C. Simpson, P. O. Cole, J. G. Baird, for five years; B. C. Johnson, C. O. Cooper, for four years; M. M. Horton, H. L. Kibby, for three years; M. C. Sperow, treasurer, Charles Fish, for two years; E. A. Holtwick, D. J. Peter, for one year.

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTIC BOARD

C. R. Ebey, president, W. C. Graves, J. S. Miller, for three years; W. W. Vinson, secretary, B. C. Johnson, E. A. Holtwick, N. E. Tingley, H. S. Gruenenwald, for two years; J. E. Cochrane, vice-president, H. D. Gorby, D. G. Shepard, treasurer, for one year.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

J. K. Freeland, president, H. S. Gruenenwald, J. G. Baird, for three years; J. E. Cochrane, vice-president, M. C. Sperow, D. G. Shepard, for two years; S. F. Heilman, secretary, W. W. Vinson, treasurer, W. W. Coke, for one year.

CONFERENCE SUNDAY-SCHOOL BOARD

M. M. Horton, for three years; Clara R. Freeland, Hattie C. Gruenenwald, for two years; C. R. Ebey, president, E. A. Holtwick, secretary, for one year.

CAMP MEETING COMMITTEE

C. R. Ebey, J. E. Cochrane, J. H. McCabe, E. S. Zahniser, G. A. Anderson, W. W. Vinson, George Lingren, Perry Mothershead, N. E. Tingley, J. S. Miller, E. H. Glass, Victor E. Larson.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

President, Miss Ada Pearce, Ontario, California; first vice-president, Mrs. Nora Lamson, 629 Crocker street, Los Angeles, California; second vice-president, Mrs. Elizabeth Wyatt, 515 Redfield avenue, Los Angeles, California; recording secretary, Mrs. Vera Ebey, 483 E. avenue 60, Los Angeles, California; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Clara Holtwick, corner Ebey avenue and Wheeling way, Los Angeles, California; treasurer, Mrs. Clara R. Freeland, 718 Elizabeth street, Pasadena, California; superintendent of Juniors and young people, Mrs. Hattie Gruenenwald, Orange, California; agent of *Missionary Tidings*, Mrs. Emma B. Vinson, 306 North Fair Oaks avenue, Pasadena, California; superintendent of conference home missions, Miss Carrie Robb, Ontario, California.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Education—J. A. Howard, *On Memoirs*—J. B. Roberts,
On Prohibition—J. B. Freeland.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

S. O. Yelvington, for three years; W. W. Vinson, secretary, and G. A. Anderson, for two years; B. C. Johnson, president, for one year.

COMMITTEE ON CHARITIES

C. R. Ebey, J. E. Cochrane, J. H. McCabe, D. C. Lamson, H. D. Gorby, E. A. Mothershead, J. G. Baird.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF HOME MISSION WORK AMONG FOREIGN SPEAKING PEOPLE

E. A. Holtwick, Vera S. Ebey, Clara R. Freeland, W. C. Graves, C. R. Ebey, J. E. Cochrane, J. H. McCabe.

TITHERS' LEAGUE

Rev. D. C. Lamson, president; Rev. E. M. Robb, secretary.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

S. W. Stone, president; W. A. Quick, secretary; G. A. Anderson, C. O. Cooper, Harry Gay.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Conference Missions, General Conference Entertainment Fund; second quarter, General Missions, Church Extension, Conference Claimants; third quarter, Bishops' Salaries, Foreign Missions; fourth quarter, Permanent Fund.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

James Seals,
J. B. Roberts,
F. A. Ames,
S. R. Gittens,
D. G. Shepard,
J. K. Freeland,
F. H. Horton,
S. O. Yelvington,
James Craig,
J. B. Freeland,
W. C. Graves,
J. Q. Murray,
W. E. Stuart,
L. W. Rubardt,
W. A. Quick,

A. Stokesberry,
Silas F. Heilman,
J. W. Marshall,
J. D. Bullock,
H. G. Ahlemeyer,
Clyde R. Ebey,
E. T. Lane,
D. C. Lamson,
J. H. Brittain,
B. J. Vincent,
B. C. Johnson,
M. D. Myers,
J. O. Hockett,
J. E. Cochrane,
Frank C. Abbott,

C. H. Chase,
E. P. Ashcraft,
S. W. Stone,
N. S. Honn,
C. H. Reed,
G. A. Anderson,
F. S. Atwell,
J. H. McCabe,
H. C. Freemantle,
Leonard Mordaunt,
W. W. Vinson,
Edgar M. Robb,
Elvis E. Cochrane,
C. J. Burnette,
J. Arthur Howard.

[Women evangelists having a seat in this conference: Bertha J. Ahlemeyer and Maud Thornton.]

DELEGATES

E. L. Lovejoy,
John S. Miller,
H. S. Gruenewald,
Mary Gorby,
Victor E. Larson,
Harry Gay,
Roy Robinson,
F. A. Stroud,
Edward K. Inaba (part time).

Emma Suess,
Esther Bullock,
Beryl Manyon,
Perry Mothershead,
Minnie Nash,
Mrs. D. C. Henderson,
Jennie Yelvington,
W. A. McNeil,

E. N. Veal,
Ida M. Abbott,
John Nichols,
C. O. Cooper,
Elizabeth Evans,
Clara Jones,
Mrs. A. P. Boone,
C. Simondson,

2. Who are the stationing committee? Walter A. Sellew, Clyde R. Ebey, J. E. Cochrane, H. S. Gruenewald, C. O. Cooper.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? Thomas Beare, Rea Marsh, Edward K. Inaba, T. Tsuchiyama, J. Arthur Howard.

4. Who remain on trial? Frank A. C. Fairley, M. C. Roll, James B. Abbott.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? J. Arthur Howard, Frank C. Abbott.

6. Who are the deacons? Edgar M. Robb, Elvis E. Cochrane, E. T. Layne, J. Arthur Howard, Frank C. Abbott.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? J. H. McCabe.

8. None.

9, 10. See appointments.

11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? C. J. Burnette, an elder, from the California conference; W. A. Quick, an elder,

from the Oil City conference; J. Arthur Howard, a probationer, from the Iowa conference.

12. None.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? Burton J. Vincent, to the Washington conference.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.

16-20. See statistical tables.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? J. B. Freeland, \$150; W. E. Stuart, \$90; L. W. Rubardt, \$90; James Seals, \$150; J. W. Marshall, \$90; Elizabeth Albright, \$110; Minnie Warren, \$150; Carlosso Labrum, \$150; J. B. Roberts, \$140; F. H. Horton, \$150; H. G. Ahlemeyer, \$150; J. D. Bullock, \$130; James Craig, \$100; Martha Ebey, \$150; Edith C. Davis and one child, \$155; S. R. Gittens, \$90; J. Q. Murray, \$75.

23. See treasurer's report.

24. See appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? As near the 15th of August as is consistent with the plans of the presiding bishop, the place to be left with the camp meeting committee.

MISCELLANEOUS

The conference was entertained on the dining hall plan, the commodious Sunday-school room of Second church, where it was held, being used as a suitable dining room. The privilege of all breaking bread together was much enjoyed and will not be soon forgotten. The management by the pastor, Rev. A. Stokesberry, and his society required great labor, but was particularly efficient and satisfactory.

Bishop and Mrs. Sellew were a great blessing to us. In his sermons, addresses and wise and impartial administration of the duties of his office he was certainly at his very best. Sister Sellew was the efficient representative of the Publishing House and was a constant source of inspiration.

The financial pressure has been keenly felt in this territory, but the conference fully sustained its reputation for Christian giving. Nearly \$1,200 was raised on the Sabbath for the conference evangelistic fund. Later in the same service at the call of Bishop Sellew more than one thousand dollars was raised to apply on the Long Beach church debt. All of the conference claims were raised by the various circuits and in some instances with a surplus.

Bishop Sellew delivered a very interesting missionary address under the auspices of the conference W. F. M. S. Sunday afternoon, at the close of which \$300 was raised. The total amount raised for missions by the W. F. M. S. during the year was \$4,560.

On account of the increased interest in mission work among foreign speaking people in this territory, and constant openings for this kind of work, a Conference Board of Home Mission Work among Foreign Speaking People was organized, and a special service was held and an offering taken for this purpose.

The conference took action by which a conference Tithers' League was organized. The officers selected were Rev. D. C. Lamson, president, and Rev. E. M. Robb, secretary.

The following ministers from their respective conferences were introduced to the conference and invited to honorary seats: Revs. E. P. Robb, West Kansas; G. W. C. Smith, Michigan; W. A. Quick, Oil City; N. B. Ghormley, South Africa; J. P. Dowd, Kansas; C. J. Burnette, D. W. Hart and D. McLeod, California; C. G. Cox, West Iowa; W. B. Olmstead, Ohio; E. E. Shelhamer, Georgia; Rev. John D. Huffman, of the Methodist Episcopal church.

The religious services were spiritual and souls sought and found the Lord.

The preaching was able and in the Holy Ghost. Bishop Sellew and Rev. E. E. Shelhamer each preached twice, and the following ministers once each: Revs. W. B. Olmstead, C. J. Burnette, J. H. McCabe and J. P. Dowd.

APPOINTMENTS

LOS ANGELES DISTRICT—CLYDE R. EBEEY, District Elder, 483 E. avenue 60, Los Angeles, California

Los Angeles, First Church.....D. C. Lamson, Nora Lamson, supply,
.....629 Crocker street, Los Angeles, California
Los Angeles, Second Church.....
.....G. A. Anderson, 200 West 30th street, Los Angeles, "
Los Angeles, Hermon.....E. S. Zahniser, supply,
.....Walnut Hill and Wheeling way, Los Angeles, "
Santa Monica and Sawtelle.....
.....S. F. Heilman, 610 Colorado street, Sawtelle, "
Sherman.....To be supplied
Watts.....H. C. Freemantle, Watts, California
Long Beach.....James B. Abbott, 321 East 6th street, Long Beach, "
Santa Ana.....M. C. Roll, Lulu Roll, supply,
.....315 Fruit street, Santa Ana, "
Garden Grove and Orange.....S. W. Stone, Garden Grove, "
San Diego.....J. H. Brittain, 145 West Beach street, San Diego, "
Whittier.....B. C. Johnson, Minnie Johnson, supply,
.....207 South Comstock avenue, Whittier, "
Port Los Angeles Japanese Mission...Bertha J. Ahlemeyer, supply,
.....Port Los Angeles, via Santa Monica, "
Los Angeles Chinese Mission.....Laura Reilly, supply,
.....561 Redfield avenue, Los Angeles, "
Los Angeles Mexican Mission.....Nellie True, supply
James Craig, J. W. Marshall, H. G. Ahlemeyer, J. D. Bullock, S. R. Gittens, J. B. Roberts, W. E. Stuart, J. Q. Murray, superannuated; L. Mordaunt, prison evangelist; E. P. Ashcraft, missionary to China; N. S. Honn, missionary to the Chinese; M. D. Myers, supernumerary; J. O. Hockett, A. Stokesberry, evangelists; B. J. Vincent, granted certificate of standing with view to transfer to Washington conference; J. Arthur Howard, teacher in Los Angeles Seminary; Edward K. Inaba, candidate for foreign mission field; Tetsuji Tsuchiyama, student Drew Theological Seminary; W. C. Graves, conference evangelist.

WEST UTAH DISTRICT—CLYDE R. EBEEY, District Elder

Prout and Milford.....Victoria G. Reed, supply
C. H. Reed, missionary to West Utah.

PASADENA DISTRICT—J. EDWARD COCHRANE, District Elder,
463 East avenue 60, Los Angeles, California

Pasadena.....W. W. Vinson, Emma B. Vinson, supply,
.....306 North Fair Oaks avenue, Pasadena, California
Monrovia.....D. G. Shepard, South California street, Monrovia, "
Riverside.....E. T. Layne, 233 East Seventh street, Riverside, "
Ontario.....C. J. Burnette, Ontario, "
Chino.....F. S. Atwell, Chino, "
Bethel.....Edgar M. Robb, R. F. D., Ontario, California
Pomona.....Frank C. Abbott, 624 South Thomas street, Pomona, "
Corona.....W. A. Quick, 820 Beele street, Corona, "
Barstow.....Rea Marsh, Barstow, "
Brawley.....F. A. Ames, Brawley, "
San Bernardino.....To be supplied

J. B. Freeland, James Seals, F. H. Horton, L. W. Rubardt, superannuated; J. K. Freeland, teacher in Los Angeles Seminary; Elvis E. Cochran, supernumerary; F. A. C. Fairley, left without appointment according to paragraph 116 of the Discipline; Thomas Beare, candidate for foreign mission field; C. H. Chase, evangelist.

PHOENIX DISTRICT—J. H. McCABE, District Elder, 36 North Fifth street, Phoenix, Arizona

Phoenix.....J. H. McCabe, 36 North Fifth street, Phoenix, Arizona
 Liberty and Buckeye.....S. O. Yelvington, R. F. D. No. 1, Buckeye, "
 Phoenix Japanese Mission.....Maud Thornton, supply
 Old Paths Schoolhouse and Glendale.....J. A. Watkins, supply
 Roosevelt.....Stella Cobb, supply

LOCAL ELDERS

A. D. Noyes.....Pasadena, California J. G. Baird...Los Angeles, California
 S. H. Williams, Los Angeles, " A. Lingren.....Pasadena, "
 L. H. Iles.....Los Angeles, " W. E. Boger.....Oskaloosa, Iowa

LOCAL DEACONS

D. D. Stoddard, Los Angeles, California John H. Burnham, Sawtelle, California
 N. E. Tingley, Huntington Park, California E. Carbaugh...Los Angeles, California
 Oliver Johnson, Los Angeles, California Frank A. Smith..Whittier, "
 O. J. Greene.....Shawnee, Oklahoma H. M. Brandt.....Ontario, "
 Cyrus Marsh....Los Angeles, California George Holborow, 972 Cypress avenue, Pasadena, California

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Mrs. Etta Murray, Huntington Park, California Miss Virginia Walter, Garden Grove, California
 E. L. Lovejoy..Los Angeles, California Emma B. Vinson, 306 N. Fair Oaks, Pasadena, California
 Mrs. Margaret Cook, Los Angeles, California Mrs. Minnie Johnson, 207 S. Comstock avenue, Whittier, California
 Mrs. Elizabeth Wyatt, Los Angeles, California Mrs. Lulu Roll, 315 Fruit street, Santa Ana, California
 Miss Ada Pearce...Ontario, California Mrs. Alice Atwell..Ontario, California
 Mrs. Nora Lamson, Los Angeles, California Mrs. Phoebe L. Langdon, Watts, California
 Miss Bertha J. Ahlemeyer, Port Los Angeles, via Santa Monica, Box 19, California Miss Emma Suess, Los Angeles, California
 Mrs. Victoria Reed....Prout, Utah

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Mrs. Mary C. Bundy, Santa Maria, California Mrs. Lillian Abbott, 624 South Thomas street, Pomona, California
 Mrs. Elizabeth Ware, Los Angeles, California Merle McCoid....Whittier, California
 Mrs. Rose Kerr.....Watts, California Mrs. Lydia Schollenberger, 1135 West Hollywood, Los Angeles, California
 Mrs. Elizabeth Albright, Long Beach, California Mrs. Lena Duell Vincent, 3210 Third avenue West, Seattle, Washington
 Agnes Sarber....Riverside, California

DEACONESSSES

Miss Julia Marston, Los Angeles, California
Mrs. Nellie Loomis, Los Angeles, California

LOCAL PREACHERS

Albert K. Ebey, Los Angeles, California	Sam S. Mizukami, Port Los Angeles, via Santa Monica, California
W. M. Reed... Los Angeles, California	George Harer..... Liberty, Arizona
Maurice Parker... Ontario, "	J. A. Watkins..... Liberty, "
Russell Smith. Los Angeles, "	C. F. Ansley..... Ontario, California
Wesley Smith. Los Angeles, "	R. L. Sossaman..... Phoenix, Arizona
Mark M. Horton, Los Angeles, California	Marshall Brewster... Phoenix, "
D. B. Harer..... Phoenix, Arizona	H. D. Gorby, 79 South Grove avenue, Pasadena, California
F. M. Hollenbeck.... Liberty, "	George W. Dixon.. Ontario, California
E. E. Hopper.. Los Angeles, California	L. K. Adams... Los Angeles, "
Norval Clipperton, Pasadena, California	B. Y. Neal.... Santa Ana, "
Ray Steele Ontario, California	Tetsuji Tsuchiyama, Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, New Jersey

TREASURER'S REPORT

CONFERENCE MISSIONS—Assessed, \$569.50; paid, \$578.17.

GENERAL MISSIONS—Assessed and paid, \$170.85.

CHURCH EXTENSION—Assessed and paid, \$113.90.

BISHOPS' SALARIES—Assessed and paid, \$205.02.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS—Assessed and paid, \$569.50.

PERMANENT FUND—Assessed and paid, \$56.95.

GENERAL CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT FUND—Assessed and paid, \$22.78.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—\$17.56.

CHILDREN'S FUND—\$21.72.

EDUCATIONAL FUND—\$10.40.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY—\$7.76.

SELF-DENIAL FUND—\$28.67.

SPECIAL SUPERANNUATED FUND—\$28.50.

ON HAND IN BANK—Disabled single women preachers' fund, \$251.65;

Arizona D. E. parsonage fund (note), \$150.02; Conference Missions, surplus, \$8.76. Total, \$410.34.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON STATE OF THE WORK

LOS ANGELES DISTRICT.—Conference is a time of inventory. The farmer knows his results at harvest time, the merchant after his Christmas selling figures his profits for the year, the nation gets her financial bearings when the war is over; but ours is a work where the fields are ever white, the profits always making, the war always on. And so we fix a time each twelfth month to review our work and plan for the future.

There is much in the last year that calls for sackcloth and much that calls for the garments of praise. Viewed in the light of what has needed doing in the states where we have labored, our accomplishments seem pigmy. But when the worldly tides and hellish opposition which we have had to meet and the human limitations of our resources are considered, we must praise God with full hearts for what He has wrought among us.

Our pastors have worked hard during the year. They have endeavored to make the regular services evangelistic and their labors have not been in vain

in the Lord. The following ministers have held successful revival services on the district: E. E. Shelhamer and Mrs. Julia Shelhamer at Santa Monica, Whittier, Santa Ana and Long Beach; W. A. Quick at Los Angeles First Church and Whittier; L. H. Mulholland and Charles Waterman at Hermon; Mrs. Minnie Johnson and Mrs. Merle McCoid at Sherman, besides the tent meeting there that opened the work; Rev. Whitlock at Garden Grove; and N. B. Ghormley and C. R. Ebey at Watts. Many sought the Lord during these efforts.

The district quarterly meetings have been seasons of special blessing. They have all been short revivals. Probably from sixty to seventy people sought the Lord during these district meetings. It will be a sorry day when the district meeting becomes a thing of the past. They unify our work, inspire our hearts, and can not fail to be a great benediction to the circuit entertaining the meeting.

In July and August Rev. W. C. Graves, our conference evangelist, held a tent meeting at Sherman under the auspices of the conference evangelistic board. He was assisted by Rev. and Mrs. E. P. Ashcraft, Rev. and Mrs. J. O. Hockett, Rev. H. G. Ahlemeyer, Miss Bertha Ahlemeyer and other workers. The meeting resulted in a revival and the organization of a society which at this time numbers twenty-five. Brother Hockett has efficiently supplied the charge. Lots of seventy-five foot frontage in a fine location were purchased and a church built, the entire property being worth about \$1,400. Less than five hundred dollars' indebtedness remains upon this amount.

Mention should be made of our new work at Prout, Utah, raised up by an evangelist of the Los Angeles district, C. H. Reed. A small society has been organized there and a church 18x26 built and entirely paid for. Brother Reed deserves much credit for his successful and sacrificing work.

A mission among the Mexican people in Los Angeles was started about two months ago, Miss Nellie True, superintendent. The opening is auspicious, several having already professed to find Christ. Salvation is coming in the Chinese mission and the Japanese mission has had a very successful year.

The coming year must be one of increased aggressiveness. Sometimes our societies, without realizing it, become somewhat selfish, and so demand the entire time of their pastor that he can not reach out in evangelistic work in near by communities. Should not every society devote its resources of workers and money to open up one adjacent point each year? We surely think so.

The city of Los Angeles should receive more attention. With three strong societies, a combined effort might surely result in a new society during the coming year. There should be a dozen Free Methodist churches in this great city.

Let us encourage and heartily support everything that gives unity to our work. Our districts are composed, not of competing circuits, but of parts of a united whole, working together for the success of the entire district and conference. Whatever would build up one society at the expense of another would injure both societies.

In the unity of the Spirit, in the bonds of peace, grateful for all that God has made possible for and through us, determined that the coming year shall be the greatest soul-saving year of our history, in sweetest fellowship and deepest humility, under the perennial anointing of the divine Spirit, let us widen and strengthen and climb in the name of the Lord of hosts, whose we are and whom we serve, in the power of the cross of Christ, the inspiration of all our service and the pledge of our ultimate victory.

PASADENA DISTRICT.—Our record for the year is made, we can not change it if we would, but a glance at what we have done and what we have left undone and a little stirring up of our pure minds by way of remembrance may be profitable, and help us greatly in the year we are about to enter.

Despite the fact that we are in the throes of war and bloodshed, God has signally blessed us. We as preachers do not know hardly how we have pulled through the year on our small salaries, when we think how prices have in-

creased on almost everything, and in many instances wages have increased, but no where have we heard of an increase in the preachers' salaries, though many of their salaries are pitifully small.

Many of our laymen have been able to pay off debts, lift mortgages and fix up in general, while the preachers barely get enough to pay their actual running expenses. We hope and pray that the launching of the Tithers' League may greatly increase the finances in the church.

My preachers on the districts are Free Methodists. When I say that I mean that they are loyal to the principles we stand for. Our laymen are among the best this side of heaven; however, we are not popular, not because we are small numerically or financially, but because of our Bible stand against worldliness, coarse and refined. The only thing that will enable us to continue on this line is the blessing of God, and as long as we keep blessed we will be unpopular.

We stand for a type of separation from the world that is not found in any other denomination in Christendom.

We can not affiliate with the popular trend of things in other churches, hence we can not swallow the popular evangelism of the day by uniting with them, because of the shallowness of the work.

The present day evangelism is a man-made affair. The laymen's movement has sent out these evangelists and guaranteed the expenses and it has been man's call and not God's call. What for? Only one answer—greed for money. What has been the result? Evangelism is and has been for years a ridicule and a scorn by the educated, thinking and brainy men of the nation. What has been the outcome of this expensive experiment by not teaching and preaching God's unfailing word?

Infidelity is bawling out; agnosticism is flaunting its flaming torch; Christian Science is enlarging churches and building new ones; New Thought is building churches; Russelism is rampant; Millennial Dawn and Latter Day Saints and the devil have thousands of intelligent men and women who are wrecking the foundations of truth all over our land.

Oh! that our God might raise up another Wesley, Whitfield or Redfield as a purifier of the moral atmosphere.

Special meetings have been held on most of the charges with good results. Three tent meetings have been held on the district, two at San Bernardino and one at Victorville, held by E. E. Hopper and I. T. Myrick.

Notwithstanding the fact that labor, material and provisions have advanced in price, we have built a fine new church at Chino, and one at Barstow, and a beautiful parsonage at Monrovia, all free from debt.

The large debt which has hung over the Pasadena church has been paid off and the mortgage burned.

We have held a seven weeks' tent meeting at San Bernardino which has resulted in the organization of a small class of seven members, and the meeting is still going on. We expect to continue all summer and to organize a Sunday-school the first of July.

PHOENIX DISTRICT.—There are not many circuits in this district but it is a large field. We have opened up work at Roosevelt. Miss Cobb was sent up there last September and has organized a Sunday-school and has several preaching points, one at Pumpkin Center, Anglers Inn.

We began a tent meeting in Glendale, with the help of J. H. McCabe, March 21st and held on until April 11, when Brother Graves came and took it up and held until May 20th. This resulted in the organization of a class of nine members. They must have a preacher this year.

We need more workers in this vast field.

Brother Brittain has just closed a fifteen days' meeting at Old Paths with good results.

We regret that we have not been able to serve the districts better this year, but owing to the fact that it is nearly 1,200 miles around the districts and there are more circuits than there are Sundays in each quarter, we have

not been able to get to some of the circuits except twice during the year, but we can say the preachers and pilgrims have stood by us nobly and there is no shortage in the elder's claim on any charge. Some have over paid.

We have helped build churches and held three tent meetings. We can say with Paul, in labors more abundant, in journeyings often, in perils of water, in perils of the desert, in perils among tramps, in perils on the train. Twice have I been in the deep, once have I slept with the hobos. Besides those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the cares of all the churches. But none of these things move me, nor do any of these things keep me from moving. Thanks be to God for His unspeakable gift.

We serve a Christ who met death in death's own territory and permitted Himself to be captured that He might lead captivity captive. He went with the pale monarch to the silent darkness of the tomb, but it was to undermine its strongholds and kindle the star of resurrection in its murky vaults, to cement the past to the future and pledge Omnipotence for a reunion. He plucked the sting from death, took his keys, broke his crown, chained the monster to his chariot wheels and mounted aloft to heaven a conqueror. My brethren, the keys of the grave are in higher hands now.

II.—ON PROHIBITION

Prohibition has long been recognized as a necessity among a few reformers, but not until quite recently has there been a general awakening among all classes. Prohibition as an economic and efficiency measure has of late become a very prominent issue among all classes and bids fair to become one of our great national issues at our next general election, even among our old line politicians.

The past few years have rolled up such a sea of public sentiment in favor of prohibition that the old-time popular advocates of regulation and high license for revenue are now finding it a very difficult task to retain a respectable existence.

Many of the regulars have swung in line for "national prohibition," while many who once zealously advocated the cause of Demon Rum are being swept by the mighty current of public sentiment "high and dry" into the ranks of those whose goal is national prohibition. Scores of our leading newspapers, magazines and periodicals, with a circulation reaching many millions, have not only barred the whisky ads, but have strong articles and editorials favoring prohibition.

The economic and efficiency waste is now recognized as being so much greater than the revenue derived from the liquor interests, beside the "worthless by-product," that thinking people are now turning from this once popular theory of license for revenue to the sane position held by Prohibitionists from the beginning of their existence: that no people have a legal or moral right to license or sanction evil of any kind, much less the liquor business, for the sake of a few paltry dollars. William Jennings Bryan, the silver-tongued orator of our day, said in an address in our great city recently, "There is a growing sentiment against the saloon which will continue to rise until we shall have a saloonless nation." "My friends and my countrymen," the great commoner cried, "There is a growing sentiment throughout this, the greatest nation on earth, that we can not starve the people to make them drunk." * * *

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers and Evangelists	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars (Number Enrolled)	Members in Home Department	Names on Cradle Roll	Total Enrollment	General Conference (Assessed Claims) Total Only	Foreign Missions	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Educational Fund	Raised for Sunday School Expenses
Los Angeles District																	
Los Angeles, First Church.	C. R. Ebey, D. E.	105	13	118	6	32	1	13	95	16	31	155	\$ 104 00	\$ 1 10	\$ 260 10	\$ 1 00	\$ 98 18
Los Angeles, Second Church.	B. C. Johnson	157	2	159	6	10	1	11	62	21	28	122	55 00		1029 05		100 31
Los Angeles, Home Church.	A. Stokesberry	191	35	226	14	22	1	35	215	40	35	325	188 00		1039 97		186 10
Sawtelle and Santa Monica.	H. C. Freemantle	46	9	55	2	14	2	22	79	6	14	121	52 00	4 15	130 97		90 49
Watts	S. F. Hellman	49	7	56	1	10	1	7	53	7	...	67	51 02		108 90		65 34
Long Beach	James Abbott	27	2	29	1	11	1	7	25	...	...	32	48 00		22 67		25 15
Santa Ana	S. W. Stone	62	9	71	1	16	1	16	84	...	7	107	62 00		121 07		103 42
Garden Grove	G. A. Anderson	36	2	38	1	4	1	12	60	...	6	78	35 00		21 20		41 18
San Diego	E. T. Layne	23	1	24	1	7	1	4	23	1	2	30	27 00		30 50		30 00
Whittier	D. C. Lamson	56	12	68	1	22	1	16	100	13	11	140	59 00		354 22		86 02
Port Los Angeles	Bertha J. Ahlemeyer	8	3	11	2	1	1	5	32	...	16	53	7 00		...		...
Los Angeles Chinese Mission	N. S. Hoan	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...		...
Sherman	J. O. Hockett	18	6	24	1	1	1	4	52	3	12	74	...		...		...
Pasadena District																	
Pasadena	J. E. Cochrane, D. E.	93	3	96	5	29	1	24	141	25	33	223	79 00	12 50	181 23	4 15	157 82
Miracosta	W. W. Vinson	20	1	21	4	4	1	5	55	...	...	60	19 95		65 00	1 75	78 64
Riverside	D. J. Shepard	30	15	45	2	4	1	13	45	6	15	79	36 00		233 67	1 50	60 00
Ontario	M. C. Roll	54	4	58	4	8	1	9	80	...	...	96	64 00		128 00		...
Chino	C. H. Chase	30	10	40	5	11	1	8	65	4	12	83	29 00		61 86	1 25	47 18
Belhel	F. S. Atwell	30	2	32	4	5	1	8	46	...	...	36	36 00		27 36		20 51
Pomona	F. A. Abbott	30	1	31	1	5	1	8	33	2	3	41	31 99		...		52 00
Corona	Edgar M. Robb	14	1	15	1	4	1	12	36	...	...	48	13 00	9 50	279 77	3 20	50 00
Barstow	W. A. Quick	23	...	23	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...		...
Brawley	Elmer E. Hopper	16	12	28	5	1	1	5	40	...	...	45	...		...		...
San Bernardino	F. A. Ames	7	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...		...
Phoenix District																	
Phoenix	J. E. Cochrane, D. E.	80	11	91	5	12	1	12	110	...	23	145	70 00		206 52		102 79
Liberty and Buckeye	I. H. McCabe	21	...	21	3	9	1	11	61	...	...	72	22 00		102 08	4 75	29 41
Mooney Japanese Mission	S. O. Yelvington	6	2	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8 00		...		...
Old Parris Schoolhouse	Mande Thornton	9	...	9	1	1	1	7	45	...	...	52	...		...		18 00
Glendale	Ora R. Weed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...		...
Total		1149	164	1313	68	246	27	290	1876	144	263	2373	\$152 96	\$ 27 25	\$ 3634 27	\$38 10	\$1523 32

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

CHARGE	Raised in Sunday School for Foreign Missions	Raised for Children's Fund	Raised for General Conference S. S. Board	Raised for Annual Conference School Board	Raised in Sunday School for All Other Benevolences	Total Amount Raised in Sunday School	Conference Missions	Pastors' Support	Parsonage Rent	Widows' Support	Evangelists' Support	Incidentals	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
Los Angeles District																
Los Angeles, First Church.....	\$ 29 83	2 79	47	.....	\$ 91 03	\$ 129 52	\$ 53 00	850 00	130	\$ 151 27	42 50	\$ 454 94	1	\$ 15000	1	\$ 10000
Los Angeles, Second Church.....	21 69	.....	.....	.....	146 34	27 50	27 50	624 00	132	184 00	3 00	323 73	1	15000	1	15000
Los Angeles, Hermon.....	275 93	.....	47	.....	58 63	921 66	94 00	624 00	173	139 71	108 10	326 73	1	15000	1	15000
Saville and Santa Monica.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50 49	24 00	609 82	158	76 63	79 00	355 82	1	15000	1	15000
Watts.....	4 65	.....	.....	.....	7 12	77 11	25 50	600 00	96	52 55	42 81	216 88	1	15000	1	15000
Long Beach.....	2 05	.....	.....	.....	1 20	28 40	16 00	446 24	120	47 55	64 41	98 42	1	15000	1	15000
Santa Ana.....	.....	4 84	.....	.....	6 58	114 34	31 00	737 33	200	103 42	208 50	843 28	1	15000	1	15000
Garden Grove.....	.....	1 50	.....	.....	1 50	44 00	17 50	500 00	96	40 75	50 00	82 52	1	15000	1	15000
San Diego.....	8 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	38 40	13 50	566 92	150	44 75	50 00	218 74	1	15000	1	15000
Whittier.....	65 71	.....	1 00	.....	45 00	198 73	29 50	600 00	200	89 36	240 78	676 80	1	15000	1	15000
Port Los Angeles.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 56	56 89	3 50	263 60	.....	8 00	.....	91 18	1	15000	1	15000
Los Angeles Chinese Mission.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	185 50	.....	.....	15 00	70 00	1	15000	1	15000
Sherman.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	15000	1	15000
Pasadena District																
Pasadena.....	35 76	.....	.....	56	.....	194 14	29 50	728 00	150	110 80	40 00	1000 00	1	10000	1	2500
Monterey.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	39 64	10 50	443 81	75	71 55	55 08	108 69	1	15000	1	1500
Riverside.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	79 64	18 00	563 60	120	44 20	19 88	180 00	1	15000	1	1500
Ontario.....	24 00	1 84	.....	1 75	.....	87 09	31 50	600 00	120	70 00	9 85	161 17	1	15000	1	1500
Chino.....	.....	3 75	.....	.....	.....	87 75	12 50	562 00	120	70 00	9 85	161 17	1	15000	1	1500
Bethel.....	.....	6 70	50	.....	.....	54 88	14 50	452 76	60	50 90	102 00	1450 00	1	15000	1	1500
Pomona.....	2 50	.....	.....	.....	9 96	54 88	14 50	452 76	60	50 90	102 00	1450 00	1	15000	1	1500
Corona.....	.....	5 36	.....	.....	.....	39 82	18 00	400 75	144	42 65	56 25	147 85	1	15000	1	2500
Barstow.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25 87	16 00	274 30	144	45 26	56 25	147 85	1	15000	1	1500
Brawley.....	.....	3 20	.....	.....	.....	12 50	300 00	300 00	120	35 25	.....	838 00	1	1000	1	1000
San Bernardino.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 00	61 20	6 50	700 00	240	40 00	179 10	80 00	1	3000	1	1000
Phoenix District																
Phoenix.....	.....	.....	1 14	1 13	5 19	110 25	35 00	635 25	300	113 89	.....	404 98	1	4000	1	1800
Liberty and Buckeye.....	.....	5 01	42	43	15 80	56 88	1 00	57 09	180	50 01	.....	184 46	1	3150	1	1650
Phoenix Japanese Mission.....	5 76	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	151 50	.....	.....	62 50	20 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Old Faith Schoolhouse.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18 00	2 50	.....	.....	25 00	46 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Glendale.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	\$477 28	\$28 63	\$8 10	\$11 73	183 62	\$2292 81	\$563 50	\$13241 67	\$ 3086	\$1641 98	\$1481 95	\$9585 15	24	\$ 94050	16	\$41875

MISSOURI CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Thirty-fifth Annual Session, held
at Higginsville, Missouri, August 22-26, 1917

OFFICERS

R. A. THOMPSON, *President*
G. R. SAUNDERS, *Secretary* H. H. POULTER, *Assistant Secretary*
G. R. SAUNDERS, *Treasurer*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—R. A. Thompson, R. Medlock, Arthur Downey.
On Sunday-schools—H. H. Poulter, C. C. Schmidt.
On Publications—Arthur Downey.
On Reforms—R. Medlock, Walter Simmons.
On Education—H. H. Poulter, J. L. Potter.
On Examining Quarterly Conference Records—R. Medlock, Eunice Medlock.
To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—H. T. Sanders.
On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.
On Complimentary Resolutions—Arthur Downey, R. Medlock.
On State of the Work—Arthur Downey, R. Medlock, Millie Hughes.
On Charities—Myrtle Stevens, Elias Medlock.
On Missions and Missionary Appropriations—The stationing committee.
On Memoirs—Arthur Downey, Myrtle Stevens.
On Prohibition—R. Medlock, J. L. Potter.
On Claimants and Claims—The stationing committee.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Publications—J. L. Potter,
On Education—G. R. Saunders,

On Reforms—Walter Simmons,
On Sunday-schools—C. C. Schmidt,
On Charities—H. H. Poulter.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

Charles Wickham, term expires 1920; Arthur Downey, term expires 1919;
R. Medlock, term expires 1918.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

Arthur Downey, president; H. H. Poulter, secretary; H. T. Sanders, treasurer;
R. Medlock, Millie Hughes.

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTIC BOARD

Arthur Downey, R. Medlock, H. H. Poulter, Myrtle Stevens.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund; second quarter, General Missions, Church Extension; third quarter, Bishops' Salaries, Entertainment Fund; fourth quarter, Permanent Fund, Conference Missions (10 cents).

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Myrtle Stevens, president, Hannibal, Missouri; Etta Riley, first vice-president, Hannibal, Missouri; Millie Hughes, second vice-president, Hannibal, Missouri; Eunice Medlock, Junior superintendent; Daisy Poulter, recording secretary, Mt. Moriah, Missouri; May Stith, corresponding secretary, Marcelline, Missouri; May Delf, agent for *Missionary Tidings*, Mt. Moriah, Missouri; Lillie Thornton, treasurer, Mt. Moriah, Missouri.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

R. Medlock,
George W. Saunders,
A. E. Smith,
C. C. Schmidt.

Arthur Downey,
Walter Simmons,
J. L. Potter,

O. T. Gregory,
J. R. Bales,
Charles Wickham,

DELEGATES

Clarence Delf,
Myrtle Stevens,
C. H. Stith.

E. A. Medlock,
George P. Rumph,

Millie Hughes,
Oscar Ingersoll,

2. Who are the stationing committee? R. A. Thompson, R. Medlock, Arthur Downey, E. A. Medlock, George P. Rumph.
3. What preachers are admitted on trial? None.
4. Who remain on trial? H. H. Poulter, H. T. Sanders, G. R. Saunders.
5. Who are admitted into full connection? Walter Simmons, J. L. Potter, C. C. Schmidt.
6. Who are the deacons? O. T. Gregory.
7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? None.
8. Who have located this year? None.
9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? J. R. Bales, A. E. Smith.
- 10-13. None.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.
15. None.
- 16-20. See statistical report.
21. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? The widow of L. B. Reber, \$100.
- 22, 23. No business.
24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.
25. Where and when shall the next conference be held? At Sedalia, as near the 15th of August as will suit the convenience of the presiding bishop.

APPOINTMENTS

ST. JOSEPH DISTRICT—R. MEDLOCK, District Elder

St. Joseph and Albany.....

.....Elmer Plantz, supply, 2848 Patee street, St. Joseph,	Missouri
Kansas City.....A. Hulet, supply, 825 Sanford avenue, Kansas City,	"
Sedalia and Higginsville.....J. F. Poulter, supply, Sedalia,	"
California and Marion.....J. L. Potter, Centertown,	"
Rhineland, Portland and Gasconade.....O. T. Gregory, Rhineland,	"

C. C. Schmidt, evangelist; J. R. Bales, left without an appointment according to paragraph 116 of the Discipline.

HANNIBAL DISTRICT—ARTHUR DOWNEY, District Elder

Hannibal.....Millie Hughes, supply, 304 South Hayden street, Hannibal,	Missouri
Ashburn.....Walter Simmons, Ashburn,	"
Chillicothe.....To be supplied	
Marceline.....G. R. Saunders, Marceline, Missouri	
Osgood.....To be supplied	
Mercer, Mt. Vernon and Pollock.....H. T. Sanders, Mercer, Missouri	
Mt. Moriah, Ridgeway and Sharon Chapel.....	
.....H. H. Poulter, Mt. Moriah,	"
Mt. Olive.....To be supplied	

Charles Wickham, left without an appointment to attend school; A. E. Smith, supernumerary; G. W. Saunders, general missionary treasurer.

MISCELLANEOUS

This session of the Missouri conference was held in connection with a camp meeting eight miles south of Higginsville, Missouri. Bishop Walter A. Sellew, being unable to attend, appointed Rev. R. A. Thompson to preside, which he did with a grace and ability which pleased every one. His sermons and addresses were spiritual and instructive. The W. F. M. S. held a special service Sunday, August 26, after which about \$67 was raised for foreign missions. Approximately \$400 was raised during the camp meeting and conference for different purposes. The spirit of love and unity which prevailed was a source of encouragement and brought forth afresh the exclamation of the Psalmist, "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL MISSIONS—Assessed and paid, \$37.50.
 BISHOPS' SALARIES—Assessed and paid, \$44.46.
 CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS—Assessed and paid, \$123.50.
 PERMANENT FUND—Assessed and paid, \$12.35.
 CHURCH EXTENSION—Assessed and paid, \$24.70.
 GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES' EXPENSES—Assessed and paid, \$4.94.
 HOME MISSIONS—Assessed and paid, \$49.40.
 SECRETARIES—\$3.74.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON PUBLICATIONS

It is generally recognized by godly people that there never was a period in the history of the world when Satan used the printing press to spread false doctrines as extensively as he does to-day. In the homes, on the streets, trains and almost every public place his agents are busy distributing literature which is poisoning the minds of old and young.

This method is used to reach the thousands who are seldom seen in the public congregation, and to know how successfully the plan works it is only necessary to converse with the readers of such literature concerning their religious views.

Some profess to believe that there is no eternal punishment for the wicked, some say that mercy will be offered after death, others deny the divinity of Christ and assail many of the vital doctrines of the Bible.

In order to counteract these evils we believe it is necessary to meet the enemy with weapons similar to his own. Therefore, we recommend that our people supply their homes with pure, wholesome literature and as much as in them lies extend the work among others by distributing tracts, religious papers and books.

We are also aware of the fact that the devil generally uses deception in labeling his literature and refuses to attach his signature to his works.

Therefore, we further recommend that our people patronize our Publishing House when purchasing religious literature.

We regard our church paper, the *Free Methodist*, as the best periodical in its line of which we have any knowledge and heartily commend it to all and insist that it should be in every Free Methodist home.

Any one wishing to acquaint himself with our work in foreign lands would do well to subscribe for the *Missionary Tidings*, the official organ of

the W. F. M. S. An inspiration to be a blessing to humanity will come by reading its pages. We also recommend our Sunday-school literature to all workers in the Sunday-school. Besides these periodicals our Publishing House carries a stock of clean books that have passed the censorship of learned and pious men and can be read with confidence. We wish to call particular attention to the fact that our House has a collection of books suitable for Sunday-school libraries and suggest that every school should supply itself with some of these books for the benefit of its young people. And above all, we remember the words of Jesus, "Search the Scriptures," and admonish all men everywhere to make them a portion of their daily reading, knowing that he who reads and obeys will have a right to the tree of life.

II.—ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS

In many respects the Sunday-school is one of the most important departments of the Lord's work.

First, it is properly a Bible school. When we compare the nations of the earth and find some in heathen darkness and idolatry while others are enlightened, we are made to inquire for the cause. The only logical answer is found in God's Word itself: "The entrance of Thy word giveth light."

Second, the Sunday-school is important because it trains those who are to be the future church. The children of to-day must be the ministers and laymen of to-morrow if the ranks of the church are kept full.

Third, it is important because it teaches that gospel which "is the power of God unto salvation." Then let us go into our Sunday-school work remembering it is a work for souls which we will meet again at the judgment. Let us study the best means to increase the attendance and hold what we have. When one who has been accustomed to be there is absent, ascertain the cause and urge him to come back. Invite those who do not come, being especially careful to call on those who have lately moved into the neighborhood, inviting both parents and children to come to the Sunday-school.

Be aggressive. Find something for each pupil to do that will keep him interested.

Above all, keep the anointing of the Holy Spirit for the work, be burdened for the school, seek for pupils because they are lost souls and need the gospel and God will strengthen and give success.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE MISSOURI CONFERENCE

Missouri Conference

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CHARGE	PREACHER										Raised for Sunday School Expenses
	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars (Number Unrolled)	Members in Home Department	Names on Cradle Roll	
St. Joseph District											
Mt. Moriah, Ridgeway, etc.	40		40	42	17	1	13	130	30	10	72 65
Rhineland, Marion, California.	34		34	26	5	1	13	73			15 00
St. Joseph	24		24	20	1	1	6	35			10 00
Higginsville	10		10	10							
Sedalia	11		11	14	5	1	7	25			30 00
Hannibal District											
Mercer	6		6	6							
Hannibal and Ashburn.	45	1	46	46	9		13	65	17	95	39 87
Pollock, Mt. Olive, Mt. Vernon.	37		37	37	8		8	40	48	110	26 93
Chillicothe, Marceline and Luray	33	1	34	34	5		16	95	111	38 00	15 00
Osgood	8		8	8	5					10 00	
Total.	248	14	262	7	54	15	81	450	30	33	273 45

CHARGE	Raised in Sunday School for Foreign Missions	Raised for Children's Fund	Raised for General Conference S. S. Board	Raised in Sunday School for All Other Benevolences	Total Amount Raised in Sunday School	Conference Missions	Pastors' Support	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Support	Dynagelists' Support	Incidentals	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
St. Joseph District															
Mt. Moriah, Ridgeway, etc.	\$ 16 28	\$.	\$.	\$ 10 75	\$ 90 68	\$ 10 94	\$ 389 21	\$ 72	\$ 60 87	\$.	\$ 771 94	3	\$ 3400	1	\$ 1700
Rhineland, Marion, California.				1 10	20 68	6 00	362 37	48	93 62	35 85			2500		
St. Joseph	45	2 91		13 36	10 75	1 60	4 00		25 21	21 15					
Higginsville															
Sedalia							2 80		20 20	34 60	38 00	1	800		
Hannibal District															
Mercer						1 20			19 08						
Hannibal and Ashburn.				7 20	47 07	\$ 80	573 00	96	35 61	38 35	88 54	1	800	1	500
Pollock, Mt. Olive, Mt. Vernon.					26 88	7 20	383 38	77	47 03	4 00	2 00	2	2800	2	1600
Chillicothe, Marceline and Luray		2 00			77 00		135 38		37 89		147 00	1	2200	1	800
Osgood						7 80				22 95			900		450
Total.	\$ 16 73	\$ 4 91	\$.	\$ 19 05	\$ 284 72	\$ 48 49	\$ 1754 16	\$ 293	\$ 443 25	\$ 156 90	\$ 1050 48	13	\$ 14400	7	\$ 5850

OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Nineteenth Annual Session, held
at Aline, Oklahoma, August 22-26, 1917

OFFICERS

JOHN S. MACGEARY, *President*
SLADE FREER, *Secretary* O. L. DAVENPORT, *Assistant Secretary*
E. O. DAVENPORT, *Statistical Secretary* G. M. HADDUCK, *Treasurer*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—John S. MacGeary, Slade Freer, Melvin Wright.
On Charities—C. W. VanTreese, W. E. McWilliams, Sidney Fleenor.
On Education—U. S. Pitsenberger, J. H. Wright, Florence Butterfield.
On Sunday-schools—E. O. Davenport, B. J. Leavenworth, S. G. Hornbeck.
On Publications—F. G. Bower, Jessie Keffer, Bird McCulloch.
On Ministerial Support—Pearl Wells, W. F. Campbell, A. E. Lewis.
On State of the Work—J. W. Swain, Melvin Wright, G. W. Sumpter.
To Audit the Treasurer's Accounts—U. S. Pitsenberger, James Seacord.
To Publish the Minutes—The secretaries.
To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—J. W. Swann.
To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—C. E. Harroun, F. G. Bower, J. R. Simpson.
On Ministerial Efficiency—W. H. Maddox, L. Street, D. L. Deming.
On Complimentary Resolutions—J. L. Brown.
On Conference Claimants and Claims—J. S. MacGeary, Melvin Wright, Slade Freer, James Seacord, A. E. Lewis.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

J. L. Brown, term expires 1920; Melvin Wright, term expires 1918; E. O. Davenport, term expires 1919.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

Melvin Wright, president; Slade Freer, secretary; G. W. Hadduck, treasurer; J. R. Simpson, Jessie Keffer.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Melvin Wright, president, term expires 1919; Slade Freer, secretary and treasurer, term expires 1919; G. L. Anderson, 1918; H. H. Isbell, G. W. Sumpter, 1920.

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTIC BOARD

W. H. Maddox, H. H. Isbell, J. H. Wright, James Seacord, A. E. Lewis.

CONFERENCE SUNDAY-SCHOOL SECRETARY

C. E. Harroun, Yale, Oklahoma.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Education—O. L. Davenport, *On Sunday-schools*—Pearl Wells,
On Reforms—J. L. Brown, *On Publications*—W. H. Maddox.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Miss Pearl Wells, president, Bartlesville, Oklahoma; Mrs. Lizzie Brown, vice-president, Geary, Oklahoma; Mrs. Marilla S. Freer, secretary, 1210 West College, Guthrie, Oklahoma; Mrs. Irene Thompson, treasurer, Geary, Oklahoma; Mrs. Lizzie Brown, librarian.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Conference Claimants; second quarter, General Missions (15 cents), Church Extension (10 cents); third quarter, Bishops' Salaries, Permanent Fund (5 cents), General Conference Entertainment (2 cents); fourth quarter, Conference Missions (13 cents), General Conference Delegates' Expenses.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

C. E. Harroun,	Melvin Wright,	Slade Freer,
C. W. VanTreese,	G. M. Hadduck,	E. O. Davenport,
G. W. Bugg,	O. L. Davenport,	U. S. Pitsenberger,
J. H. Wright,	E. A. Andrews,	W. F. Campbell,
H. H. Isbell,	J. W. Swann,	A. Maker,
D. C. Sparks,	B. J. Leavenworth,	C. Mattenly,
J. L. Brown,	H. O. Radford,	W. H. Maddox,
Arthur Myers,	W. E. McWilliams,	Pearl Wells,
A. R. Martin,	F. G. Johnson,	F. G. Bower,
Jessie Crawford.		

DELEGATES

J. R. Simpson,	Earl Herkimer,	C. L. North,
Clarence Malone,	Bird McCulloch,	D. L. Deming,
Joseph Sallee,	L. Street,	Jessie Keffer,
Helen Mosier,	Sidney Fleenor,	Kate Mize,
James Seacord,	G. W. Sumpter,	D. K. Craven,
A. E. Lewis,	Florence Butterfield,	Mary McBride,
S. G. Hornbeck,	S. M. Hulme.	

2. Who are the stationing committee? J. S. MacGeary, Melvin Wright, Slade Freer, James Seacord, A. E. Lewis.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? S. G. Hornbeck, Theodore Helm.

4. Who remain on trial? B. F. Hudson, Frank Barber, H. J. Wells.

5. Who are admitted into full membership? A. R. Martin, F. G. Bower, F. G. Johnson.

6. Who are the deacons? Arthur Myers, D. C. Sparks, Pearl Wells, A. R. Martin, F. G. Bower, F. G. Johnson.

7. Who have been ordained elders this year? None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? U. S. Pitsenberger, Arthur Myers, A. Maker, J. E. Crawford.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? H. O. Radford, C. Mattenly, G. W. Bugg.

11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? J. E. Crawford, from the East Texas conference.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer? J. W. Cox, to the Colorado conference.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.

16-20. See statistics.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? C. Mattenly, \$150; H. O. Radford, \$70; Mrs. Rilla Allen, \$150; George Bugg, \$35.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? A committee of

three was elected to locate the place, the time to be as near the middle of August as is consistent with the plans of the bishop.

APPOINTMENTS

GUTHRIE DISTRICT—MELVIN WRIGHT, District Elder, 1110 West Logan, Guthrie, Oklahoma

Guthrie.....J. W. Swann, 1124 West Mansur, Guthrie, Oklahoma
 Cashion and Bethel.....G. M. Haddock, Cashion, "
 Oklahoma City....."
E. O. Davenport, 1510 Linwood boulevard, Oklahoma City, "
 Norman and Franklin.....B. F. Hudson, Norman, "
 Wellston and Sparks.....C. W. VanTreese, Fallis, "

E. A. Andrews, principal Campbell Seminary, Campbell, Texas; H. O. Radford, superannuated, Guthrie, Oklahoma; George Bugg, superannuated, Farwell, Texas; A. Maker, supernumerary, Waterloo, Oklahoma; Slade Freer, conference evangelist, 1210 West College, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

PONCA DISTRICT—MELVIN WRIGHT, District Elder

Ponca, Maple Grove and Uncas.....F. G. Johnson, R. D. 2, Kildare, Oklahoma
 Newkirk.....H. H. Isbell, Newkirk, "
 Perry and Lone Elm.....F. G. Bower, R. D. 4, Perry, "
 Tonkawa and Eddy.....O. L. Davenport, Tonkawa, "

TULSA DISTRICT—MELVIN WRIGHT, District Elder

Tulsa Mission.....Minnie B. Hiland, superintendent,
109 Boston avenue, Tulsa, Oklahoma
 Manford and Fisher.....To be supplied
 Bartlesville, Dewey and Bird Creek.....Pearl Wells, Bartlesville, Oklahoma
 Yale and Union Star.....B. J. Leavenworth, Yale, "

C. E. Harroun, conference Sunday-school secretary and evangelist, Yale, Oklahoma.

ENID DISTRICT—J. L. BROWN, District Elder, Geary, Oklahoma

Enid and Elmdale.....W. H. Maddox, 324 West Oak, Enid, Oklahoma
 Wakita and Prairie Queen.....S. G. Hornbeck, Wakita, "
 Nash.....Edward Bates, supply, Nash, "
 Wisby, Clymer, Augusta and Aline.....F. S. Barber, Aline, "
 Oak Glade, Chaney Dell and Helena.....W. F. Campbell, Helena, "

C. Mattenly, superannuated, Wichita, Kansas; J. E. Crawford, supernumerary, Concordia, Kansas.

BEAVER DISTRICT—J. L. BROWN, District Elder

Sunset and South Flat.....Theodore Helm, Logan, Oklahoma
 Guymon and Lorena.....To be supplied

GEARY DISTRICT—J. L. BROWN, District Elder

Geary and Oak Ridge.....J. H. Wright, Geary, Oklahoma
 Chickasha, Virden and Laverty.....To be supplied
 Mt. View and Park Schoolhouse.....H. J. Wells, R. D. 3, Okarche, Oklahoma
 Port Zion, Chapel and Canute....M. M. Lowery, supply, Port Zion, "

Arthur Myers, supernumerary, McPherson, Kansas.

SEILING DISTRICT—J. L. BROWN, District Elder

Seiling, Camargo and North Chapel.....A. R. Martin, Mutual, Oklahoma
 Eagle City, Liberty Chapel and Fountain.....
W. E. McWilliams, Eagle City, “

U. S. Pitsenberger, supernumerary, Mutual, Oklahoma; D. C. Sparks, left without an appointment, according to paragraph 116 of the Discipline, Camargo, Oklahoma.

ORDAINED LOCAL PREACHERS

N. C. Swigart.....Sharon, Oklahoma J. W. Linton.....Norman, Oklahoma
 Henry Delbridge, Lockridge, “ D. P. Anderson..Chickasha, “
 F. H. Smith.....Cashion, “ George Seacord.....Enid, “
 A. S. Doughty....Tonkawa, Oklahoma

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

J. H. Grovier.....Guymon, Oklahoma Elizabeth Stewart, R. D. 2, Oklahoma
 Phebe GrovierGuymon, “ City, Oklahoma
 M. NeuCarmen, “ Abbie K. Wall.....Manitou, Oklahoma
 Anna Fisher

LOCAL PREACHERS

G. W. Sumpter, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma L. L. Hall.....Laverty, Oklahoma
 C. L. North.....Sparks, “
 T. J. Murphy, R. D. 3, Norman, Oklahoma J. H. Bass...R. D. 4, Perry, “
 W. I. Ridens.....Fay, “
 F. A. Carver.....Cashion, Oklahoma J. R. Simpson, 508 N. 5th street, Enid, Oklahoma
 C. H. Devor.....Logan, “
 D. L. Deming.....Logan, “ G. G. Bathurst.....Ingersol, Oklahoma
 Frank JestsNewkirk, “ J. L. Osborne.....Cleo, “
 C. E. Bryant.....Ames, “ W. W. Bently.....Carmen, “
 George Blakeley...Wellston, “ W. S. Vanderhoofen, R. D. 3, Okarche, Oklahoma
 L. G. Hobart.....Chandler, “
 A. E. Lewis....Cashion, Oklahoma

LOCAL EVANGELISTS

Minnie B. Hiland, 109 Boston avenue, Cora BlackAugusta, Kansas
 Tulsa, Oklahoma C. P. Connelly.....Preston, Oklahoma
 Cynthia Mitchell....Cameron, Oklahoma

TREASURER'S REPORT

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS—In full, \$417.00.
 BISHOPS' SALARIES—In full, \$150.12.
 GENERAL MISSIONS—In full, \$125.10.
 CHURCH EXTENSION—In full, \$83.40.
 CONFERENCE MISSIONS—In full, \$208.50.
 PERMANENT FUND—In full, \$41.70.
 GENERAL CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT—In full, \$16.68.
 CHILDREN'S FUND—\$33.47.
 EDUCATIONAL FUND—Fifty cents.
 FOREIGN MISSIONS—\$17.50.

CONFERENCE SUNDAY-SCHOOL REPORT

Number of schools, 29; scholars in main school, 1,212; officers and teachers, 195; total in main schools, 1,282; number of home departments, 9; number in home departments, 87; number of cradle rolls, 12; number in cradle rolls, 112; grand total, 1,465. Number of standard schools, 2. Number of conventions held, 26.

FINANCIAL.—Raised for Sunday-school expenses, \$768.84; raised for foreign missions, \$737.30; raised for Children's Day fund, \$47.28; raised for General Sunday-school Board, \$19.68; raised for annual conference board, \$46.36; raised for benevolences, \$45.89. Total, \$1,059.35.

MISCELLANEOUS

The nineteenth annual session of the conference was held at Aline, Oklahoma, August 22-26, 1917. Bishop Sellew being unable to be present, he sent Rev. John S. MacGeary, who presided acceptably. His preaching also was much appreciated. There were present from other conferences Professor C. A. Stoll, vice-president of Central Academy and College; E. Ballenger, general conference evangelist; M. M. Lowery, of the Texas conference; S. V. Coe, of the Kansas conference, and W. T. Loring, of the Illinois conference, who represented the Publishing House.

J. S. MacGeary delivered the missionary address for the W. F. M. S. on Sunday afternoon and \$1,005 was raised in cash and subscriptions for missions. A subscription of \$150 was taken to assist in the purchase of an elder's parsonage in Guthrie. For the expenses of the conference, deficit in conference missions, etc., about \$250 was raised. For the evangelist, \$75.

Rev. E. Ballenger, general conference evangelist, had been secured to conduct the evangelistic services. Brother Ballenger's clear, forceful preaching was much appreciated and did much good. The altar work was thorough and many sought and found the desire of their hearts. There were seventy-two families camped on the ground. It had been planned to have the conference in "Big Timber Park," one-half mile east of Aline, but the heavy rains and other conditions made it impracticable to locate there. However, we were not without a place, as the mayor and his associates in office offered us a location in town, which we gladly accepted. The congregations were large and we believe a good impression was made upon the hearers.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON MINISTERIAL EFFICIENCY

An efficient minister is a divinely called minister. A man who has never been called of God is a failure as a minister. Therefore, the Free Methodist church should be careful to send only those who they are fully persuaded are called of God to the ministry. An efficient minister is a clean, upright, Godly man. He "follows peace with all men and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." Many who have been called of God to preach the gospel of His Son, and who have been efficient in carrying on the work of the Master, are now wrecks because they failed to keep their eyes on God. The downfall of many ministers who gave up the work of God could have been avoided if they had been quick to detect and confess to God their weakness, and implore of Him divine help.

An efficient minister is one who has the baptism of the Holy Ghost. A minister may be quite successful without the baptism with the Holy Ghost, but John Wesley says that a sanctified man can do ten times as much in the Master's vineyard as one who is only justified.

An education is a great asset to the minister's efficiency. Therefore we

urge all of our young people who feel the call of God upon them to do their best to secure an education.

Personal appearance has much to do with a minister's efficiency. A slovenly dressed minister in the pulpit is repulsive to the people. We do not plead for expensive dress, but plain, neat attire.

A minister to be efficient must be aggressive and not afraid to work, not at secular affairs, but in the Master's harvest field. There is always something to do. Visiting the sick, encouraging the discouraged, instructing those who are inquiring after God, reading the Bible and other good literature and last, but not least, being much engaged in prayer.

An efficient minister will follow Paul's instruction to Timothy, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers and Evangelists	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars (Number Enrolled)	Members in Home Department	Names on Cradle Roll	Total Enrollment	General Conference (Assessed Claims) Total Only	Foreign Missions	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Educational Fund	Raised for Sunday School Expenses
Guthrie District	*M. Wright, D. E.	40	4	44	1	11	1	1	12	65	3	9	89	\$ 38.00	\$ 16.84	\$ 3.00	\$ 40.00
Guthrie	J. W. Swann	24	5	29	1	17	1	1	18	160	1	12	180	38.00	41.00	52.58	52.58
Cashion and Bethel	G. W. Buddick	24	5	29	1	10	1	1	11	160	10	15	180	25.00	5.00	25.00	38.40
Oklahoma City	F. S. Bugg	28	3	31	2	10	1	1	11	26	5	31	31	25.00	5.00	25.00	18.05
Newkirk and Franklin	V. S. Boudin	20	3	23	2	5	2	1	7	5	5	5	5	23.00	2.00	2.00	18.05
Wellston	C. W. VanTreese	20	3	23	2	5	2	1	7	5	5	5	5	23.00	2.00	2.00	18.05
Ponca District	*M. Wright, D. E.	35	5	40	1	12	2	2	14	75	10	16	115	31.00	15.00	10.75	50.00
Ponca, Maple Grove and Uncas	E. G. Johnson	32	5	37	1	10	1	1	11	49	6	32	97	35.00	12.14	17.18	37.79
Newkirk	H. H. Rabell	26	6	32	1	9	1	1	10	20	5	25	25	24.00	12.14	17.20	9.70
Perry and Lone Elm	F. G. Borer	26	6	32	1	9	1	1	10	20	5	25	25	24.00	12.14	17.20	9.70
Tulsa District	*M. Wright, D. E.	27	5	32	2	11	1	1	12	57	6	1	71	33.00	8.00	61.45	44.92
Tulsa and Manford	Pearl Wells	33	12	45	1	11	2	2	13	73	20	13	117	30.00	8.00	40.80	54.10
Tulsa Mission	E. O. Davenport	29	12	41	1	10	1	1	11	62	12	10	90	27.00	8.00	11.95	28.19
Barleeville, Dewey, Bird Creek	A. R. Martin	29	12	41	1	10	1	1	11	62	12	10	90	27.00	8.00	11.95	28.19
Yale and Pleasant Valley	A. R. Martin	29	12	41	1	10	1	1	11	62	12	10	90	27.00	8.00	11.95	28.19
Enid District	*S. Freer, D. E.	72	8	80	1	15	2	2	17	121	13	13	157	62.00	15.50	64.81	64.10
Enid and Blumdale	W. H. Maddox	36	5	41	1	13	2	2	15	34	34	6	125	21.02	15.50	414.86	21.00
Tonkawa, Billings and Edley	O. L. Davenport	74	1	75	1	13	2	2	15	106	13	13	125	69.00	15.50	414.86	60.52
Wakita, Prairie Queen, Nash	J. W. Cox	74	1	75	1	13	2	2	15	106	13	13	125	69.00	15.50	414.86	60.52
Cleo District	S. Freer, D. E.	57	11	68	4	15	2	2	17	100	10	13	113	60.00	15.50	2.10	38.20
Wishy, Clymer, Augusta, Alene	R. F. Tinson	36	6	42	1	13	2	2	15	71	10	13	81	31.00	15.50	2.10	43.08
Isabella, Oak Glade, etc.	W. F. Campbell	36	6	42	1	13	2	2	15	71	10	13	81	31.00	15.50	2.10	43.08
Beaver District	S. Freer, D. E.	17	2	19	2	6	1	1	7	15	4	15	19	11.00	15.50	2.10	9.98
Sunset, Cline and Lakemp	D. L. Downing, supply	15	3	18	1	6	1	1	7	15	4	15	19	11.00	15.50	2.10	9.98
Forgan, Lorena and Gaymon	H. J. Wells	15	3	18	1	6	1	1	7	15	4	15	19	11.00	15.50	2.10	9.98
Geary District	S. Freer, D. E.	63	3	66	1	13	2	2	15	100	6	10	137	63.00	41.77	70.04	70.04
Geary and Oak Ridge	J. H. Wright	16	1	17	1	6	1	1	7	15	4	15	19	13.00	15.50	2.10	9.98
Chickasha, Anadarko and Virden	S. S. Freer	15	2	17	1	6	1	1	7	15	4	15	19	13.00	15.50	2.10	9.98
Ft. Reno, Mt. View, Park S. H.	S. S. Freer	15	2	17	1	6	1	1	7	15	4	15	19	13.00	15.50	2.10	9.98
Selling District	S. Freer, D. E.	27	1	28	2	12	2	2	14	50	11	4	73	37.00	15.50	46.08	46.08
Selling, Camargo, North Chapel	B. J. Leavenworth	29	4	33	1	7	1	1	8	51	7	21	29	23.00	15.50	33.00	33.00
Eagle City, Liberty Chapel, etc.	W. E. McWilliams	29	4	33	1	7	1	1	8	51	7	21	29	23.00	15.50	33.00	33.00
Hobart District	S. Freer, D. E.	23	2	25	1	4	1	1	5	22	6	22	28	24.00	15.50	16.79	16.79
Port, Zion Chapel, Canute, etc.	S. Freer, D. E.	23	2	25	1	4	1	1	5	22	6	22	28	24.00	15.50	16.79	16.79
Total		854	78	932	35	228	30	30	197	1233	85	141	1656	\$ 824.62	\$ 116.25	\$ 693.49	\$ 800.50

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CHARGE	Raised in Sunday School for Foreign Missions	Raised for Children's Fund	Raised for General Conference S. S. Board	Raised for Annual Conference Sunday School Board	Raised in Sunday School for All Other Benevolences	Total Amount Raised in Sunday School	Conference Missions	Pastors' Support	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Support	Evangelists' Support	Incidentals	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
Guthrie District																
Guthrie	\$ 16 84	\$ 1 10	\$. . .	\$. . .	\$16 00	73 94	9 75	350 50	60	63 16	\$ 108 86	\$ 160 00	1	\$ 2250	1	\$ 1000
Cashion and Bethel	10 61	9 21	. . .	2 55	. . .	75 95	16 50	628 85	120	87 06	108 86	443 76	2	2000	1	500
Oklahoma City	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	8 40	8 75	417 50	200	51 55	62 55	645 22	1	1400	1	1000
Norman and Franklin	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	16 05	6 25	192 55	50	46 90	39 86	75 84	1	1000	1	300
Wellston and Sparks	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	5 75	107 70	. . .	32 10	. . .	3 00	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .
Ponca District																
Ponca, Maple Grove and Uncas	5 34	1 40	. . .	4 50	11 25	72 49	7 75	365 00	50	40 00	. . .	151 42	2	2000	1	800
Newkirk	8 16	1 25	. . .	. . .	5 29	52 49	8 75	300 00	63	46 80	. . .	96 12	1	. . .	1	700
Ferry and Lone Elm	. . .	4 35	. . .	. . .	. . .	15 05	6 00	213 25	60	31 66	111 35	163 16	1	800	1	500
Tulsa District																
Tulsa and Manford	7 50	1 55	. . .	6 61	1 85	62 43	8 25	373 98	. . .	68 63	137 60	58 00	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .
Tulsa Mission	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .
Partisburg, Doxey, Bird Creek, Yate and Pleasant Valley	8 00	4 44	. . .	10 36	14 29	121 19	7 50	331 36	180	94 15	94 91	25 00	2	1500	1	600
Enid and Enid District	4 48	2 75	. . .	. . .	. . .	43 82	6 75	347 23	60	69 00	4 25	67 63	1	1000	1	500
Tonkawa, Billings and Eddy	15 75	7 27	5 50	3 75	4 00	99 37	15 50	663 58	150	100 71	251 02	96 34	1	1500	1	1000
Wakita, Prairie Queen, Nash	7 20	1 30	10 00	10 00	. . .	88 98	17 25	437 47	96	80 00	200 00	82 95	2	2000	1	800
Cleo District																
Wisby, Clymer, Augusta, Aline, Isabella, Oak Glade, etc.	25 00	5 00	. . .	5 00	. . .	61 20	15 00	684 22	48	110 55	127 56	35 20	1	600	1	350
Beaver District																
Sunset, Cline and Lakemp	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	53 08	7 75	470 50	48	86 17	48 80	138 29	2	1200	2	800
Forgan, Geary District	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	2 75	75 56	. . .	23 77	110 95	2 00	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .
Geary and Oak Ridge	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	9 98	4 25	232 28	. . .	36 26	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .
Chickasha, McAlester, Park S. H.	. . .	3 54	. . .	5 85	. . .	74 43	15 75	608 09	96	109 17	38 53	. . .	1	600	1	400
Fort Reno, Mission	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	3 25	. . .	. . .	30 52	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .
Selling District																
Selling, Camargo, North Chapel, Eagle City, Liberty Chapel, etc.	23 49	2 30	. . .	. . .	1 22	73 03	9 25	422 55	48	70 00	28 35	100 00	2	1000	2	500
Hobart District																
Port, Zion Chapel, Canute, etc.	2 30	. . .	. . .	. . .	2 30	37 60	7 25	400 00	50	43 50	. . .	120 00	1	800	1	300
Total	\$135 67	\$45 32	\$15 50	\$61 85	\$66 20	\$1111 52	\$205 00	\$ 8067 52	\$ 1475	\$1490 32	\$1381 06	\$2522 39	22	\$ 20450	21	\$12450

*In excess of circuit reports, \$13.91. †Evangelistic, \$10.00; house rent, \$60.00.

WEST ONTARIO CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Twenty-second Annual Session,
held at Sarnia, Ontario, August 15-19, 1917

OFFICERS

J. A. WATSON, *President*
J. W. PEACH, *Secretary* J. M. EAGLE, *Assistant Secretary*
T. A. DRURY, *Treasurer*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—J. A. Watson, J. M. Eagle, D. Allan, H. G. Kent, Edgerton Wilson.
To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—Charles F. Snow, M. O. Coates, W. J. Cowherd.
On Publications—J. H. Roberts, Rowen Cornell, T. A. Drury, Ira Hunter.
On Education—E. A. Demille, H. G. Kent, John Fleming, Joseph Purdy.
On Sabbath-schools—Thomas Robb, John McCutcheon, Henry Wilcox, Benjamin Churcher.
On Reforms—J. T. Abrams, J. H. Roberts, Joseph Moore, W. E. McQuiggin.
On State of the Work—D. Allan, D. H. Fletcher, J. M. Eagle, Edgerton Wilson.
To Publish the Minutes—The secretary.
On Conference Missions and Missionary Appropriations—J. M. Eagle, D. Allan, Edgerton Wilson, Thomas Fralick.
On Evangelist Benefit Fund—T. A. Drury, D. Allan, E. E. Loveless, W. B. Cockran.
To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—S. S. Bailey.
On Conference Claimants and Claims—J. A. Watson, J. M. Eagle, D. Allan, R. Stewart, John McCutcheon.
To Receive and Disburse Contingent Fund—T. A. Drury, Charles F. Snow, W. J. Cowherd.
On Charities—R. Bloye, William Hoffman, Miles Babcock, William Burles.
On Aggressive Evangelism—E. E. Loveless, D. Allan, J. S. Clink, Edward Rush.
On Nominations—J. M. Eagle, D. Allan, R. Stewart, Edgerton Wilson, T. A. Drury.
On Complimentary Resolutions—J. W. Peach, J. H. Roberts.
To Audit Treasurer's Books—T. W. Freeman, William Hoffman.
Railroad Secretary—E. A. Demille.
To Secure Subscriptions to the Free Methodist—J. T. Abrams.

CONFERENCE SUNDAY-SCHOOL SECRETARIES

George A. Lees, Norwich, Ontario; W. A. Brown, Christina street, Sarnia, Ontario.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Publications—Charles Snow, *On Reforms*—M. O. Coates,
On Aggressive Evangelism—W. J. Cowherd, *On Charities*—S. S. Bailey,
On Education—Alice E. Walls,
On Sunday-schools—H. G. Kent.

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTIC BOARD

D. Allan, president; J. W. Peach, secretary; J. M. Eagle, treasurer; Peter Sharpe, Wellington Hamilton.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

H. G. Kent, for four years (examiner in fourth year); P. K. Smith, for three

years (examiner in second year); G. W. Freeman, for two years (examiner in first year and preliminary); J. W. Peach, for one year (examiner in third year).

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

J. M. Eagle, president; H. G. Kent, secretary; D. Allan, treasurer; Rufus Stewart, Peter Sharpe.

ADVISORY BOARD

J. M. Eagle, president; D. Allan, secretary; T. A. Drury, treasurer; William E. Demille, Rufus Stewart.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

T. A. Drury, president; J. M. Eagle, secretary; D. Allan, treasurer; Rufus Stewart, William Demille.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Bishops' Salaries (18 cents), General Missions (15 cents); second quarter, Conference Missions (25 cents), General Conference Entertainment (2 cents), Permanent Fund (5 cents); third quarter, Conference Claimants (50 cents), Evangelists' Benefit Fund (free-will offering); fourth quarter, Contingent Fund (25 cents), Church Extension (10 cents).

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

President, Mrs. Lydia M. Birdsall, 239 George street, Sarnia, Ontario; first vice-president, Mrs. Hannah Eagle, 102 Catherine street, N., Hamilton, Ontario; second vice-president, Mrs. Hattie Loveless, Richards' Landing, St. Joseph's Island, Ontario; corresponding and recording secretary, Miss Anna Botting, 104 Maple avenue, Niagara Falls, Ontario; treasurer, Miss Alice E. Walls, Ridgeway, Ontario; superintendent of Junior work, Miss Lizzie Allan, Ridgeway, Ontario; librarian, Miss Alma Scott, Tillsonburg, Ontario; tract agent, Mrs. Bertha Demille, 102 Catherine street, N., Hamilton, Ontario.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

J. M. Eagle,
T. A. Drury,
D. Allan,
E. E. Loveless,
M. O. Coates,
William Hoffman,
H. G. Kent,
J. W. Peach,

E. A. Demille,
J. H. Roberts,
R. Bloye,
G. W. Freeman,
J. T. Abrams,
W. J. Cowherd,
C. F. Snow,
P. K. Smith.

Miles Babcock,
J. W. Winans,
J. S. Clink,
J. H. Winter,
W. E. McQuiggin,
Thomas Robb,
S. S. Bailey,

DELEGATES

Rufus Stewart,
Joseph Purdy,
Joseph Moore,
W. B. Cockran,
Edward Rush,
Rowen Cornell,
Thomas Fralick,
Henry Wilcox,

William Burles,
Benjamin Churcher,
John McCutcheon,
Edgerton Wilson,
Barbara McKinley,
Amy McCallum,
Annie Carter,
Ira Hunter,

Nellie Randall,
D. H. Fletcher,
John Fleming,
J. W. Robinson,
Mary Davidson,
William Teal,
David Hill,
Clarence Weaver.

2. Who are the stationing committee? J. A. Watson, J. M. Eagle, D. Allan, John McCutcheon, Rufus Stewart.

3. Who are admitted on trial? Donald McGugan, George Evans, J. C. Gare.
4. Who remain on trial? Alice E. Walls, George E. Mayo.
5. Who are admitted into full membership? None.
6. Who are the deacons? J. H. Winter, J. W. Winans, W. J. Cowherd, G. W. Freeman, J. T. Abrams, P. K. Smith, Charles F. Snow, Miles Babcock, W. E. McQuiggin, S. S. Bailey, Thomas Robb.
7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? None.
8. Who have located this year? J. S. Clink.
9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? G. W. Freeman, George E. Mayo.
10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? T. A. Drury, J. H. Winter, William Hoffman.
11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? None.
13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? None.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.
21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? Mrs. Hattie MacKearnin, \$40.
25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Ridgeway, Ontario, as near the third or fourth week in August, 1918, as will suit the bishop who is to preside.

MISCELLANEOUS

The twenty-second annual session of the West Ontario conference was held at Sarnia, Ontario, August 15-19, 1917. Owing to the illness of Bishop W. T. Hogue, Rev. Joseph A. Watson, of the North Michigan conference, presided. The business was transacted with satisfaction and ability. The religious services throughout were blessed and owned of the Lord. The word preached was made plain and forceful. Rev. H. G. Kent, the pastor, was abundant in labors in entertaining the conference and was loyally assisted by the Sarnia society. Harmony prevailed in all the sittings. The missionary sermon by our conference evangelist, Rev. Levi Ecker, on Sabbath afternoon was practical and spiritual. About \$100 was taken in the offering for foreign missions.

APPOINTMENTS

HAMILTON DISTRICT—J. M. EAGLE, District Elder, 102 Catherine street, N., Hamilton, Ontario

Hamilton.....	E. A. Demille, 102 Catherine street, N., Hamilton, Ontario
Hannon and Ancaster.....	Miles Babcock, R. R. No. 1, Hannon, "
Kimbo and Caister Center.....	W. E. McQuiggin, R. R. No. 1, Smithville, "
Canboro and Montague.....	S. S. Bailey, Canboro, "
Ridgeway and Fort Erie.....	Alice E. Walls, "
.....	Elizabeth Allen, supply, Ridgeway, "
Kelvin and Norwich.....	To be supplied
Welland and Wainfleet.....	E. S. Stevenson, supply, Welland, Ontario
Brantford.....	Robert Bloye, 14 Buffalo street, Brantford, "
Galt and Guelph.....	P. K. Smith, 35 Wellington street, Galt, "
Niagara Falls.....	.....
.....	Anna Botting, supply (one to be supplied), Niagara Falls, "
Glamis.....	J. A. McClung, supply, Glamis, "
Meaford.....	Supplied by East Ontario Conference

J. M. Eagle, member of the Hamilton district quarterly conference; T. A. Drury, J. H. Winter, William Hoffman, superannuated; G. W. Freeman, supernumerary.

TILLSONBURG DISTRICT—J. M. EAGLE, District Elder

Ebenezer.....M. O. Coates, Jennie Coates, supply, Tillsonburg, Ontario
 Port Burwell, Houghton and Bayham....J. H. Roberts, Port Burwell, "
 Walsingham Center, Marston and Jericho....."
J. C. Gare, Walsingham Center, "
 Port Rowan and Port Royal.....J. W. Peach, Port Rowan, "
 J. W. Winans, missionary to Dominican Republic; George E. Mayo, super-
 numerary.

SARNIA DISTRICT—D. ALLAN, District Elder, 293 Maxwell street, Sarnia, Ontario

Sarnia.....H. G. Kent, 379 North Russell street, Sarnia, Ontario
 Thedford and Sharon.....Donald McGugan, Thedford, "
 Terminus, Unionville and Thornyhurst.....George Evans, Dresden, "
 Charlemont and Zion....Charles F. Snow, R. R. No. 5, Wallaceburg, "
 Florence, Wabash, North Dawn and Ousley..W. J. Cowherd, Florence, "
 Thames River and St. Thomas..J. T. Abrams, R. R. No. 4, Iona Station, "
 Essex and Comber.....R. A. Coates, supply, Essex, "

D. Allan, member of the Sarnia district quarterly conference; J. S. Clink, located according to paragraph 116 of the Discipline, membership at Sarnia, Ontario.

LAKE SUPERIOR DISTRICT—D. ALLAN, District Elder

Hymers, Fort William and Oconnor..L. W. Waldron, supply, Hymers, Ontario
 Sault Ste. Marie..T. W. Robb, 34 Grosvenor avenue, Sault Ste. Marie, "
 St. Joseph Island, E. E. Loveless, Richard's Landing, St. Joseph Island, "

ADDRESSES

Laura J. Coleman, 78 Park avenue, Lockport, New York.

TREASURER'S REPORT

BISHOPS' SALARIES—Assessed and paid, \$129.78.
 GENERAL MISSIONS—Assessed and paid, \$108.15.
 CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS—Assessed and paid, \$360.50.
 CHURCH EXTENSION—Assessed and paid, \$72.10.
 PERMANENT FUND—Assessed and paid, \$36.05.
 GENERAL CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT FUND—Assessed and paid, \$14.42.
 CONTINGENT FUND—Raised, \$178.00.
 CONFERENCE MISSIONS—Raised, \$312.90.
 EVANGELISTS' BENEFIT FUND—Raised, \$15.39.
 EDUCATIONAL FUND—Raised, \$1.20.
 CHILDREN'S FUND—Raised, \$3.16.
 GENERAL S. S. BOARD FUND—\$32.21.
 FOREIGN MISSIONS—Raised, \$5.00.
 FOR PUBLISHING MINUTES—Raised, \$33.05.
 FOREIGN MISSIONS (by W. F. M. S.)—Raised, \$1,978.44.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**I.—ON EDUCATION**

Efficiency is the watchword of the age. The demand for efficient men to fill the positions in both church and state is on the increase. The need for mental and moral development was never more apparent than at the present day. If this be true, what is our individual responsibility in the matter of our obtaining a well balanced education?

Every man is his own mind-maker. God has blessed him with mental

powers capable of development, but made him the agent to carry out His designs. One has said, "Some men are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them," but we believe all men are born great; they are born with powers which when fully developed will qualify every man to fill the place in life God has designed for him.

Most people are mentally lazy. The fact is those who complain of brain-fag are often suffering from mental lassitude because they do not give their minds enough exercise. As we all know, the brain requires judicious exercise quite as much as does the body, and where this is neglected our efficiency is impaired, and we become mental dwarfs.

The more mental power we possess the greater will be the result of our work. But mental power does not consist merely in faculty for absorbing knowledge, thus making the mind a mere storehouse for confused thoughts, without knowing how to use them. The mind needs good, wholesome food just as much as does the body, but it also requires healthy digestive organs to distribute the nutritive qualities of the mental diet as is needed.

Many make use of the fact that most of Christ's disciples were unlearned and ignorant men as argument against education, holding that because they were uneducated, so we should be if we would be used of God. True, God can use the unlearned, but He can make much better use of the learned, provided He has undisputed control of the affections.

Education lays the foundation for our success in life. It builds the character, fits us to overcome new difficulties, originate new methods, and to face new problems, but to spend all our time upon the mind to the neglect of the spiritual is to endanger the future prosperity of the man.

As the body requires a well balanced intellect and will to direct it into right and safe channels, so the mind needs a spirit brought to newness of life and made clean through the blood of Christ, by which it may be led into right and safe channels.

We lament the fact that so much evil influence is thrown in the pathway of our boys and girls at the public school, and we commend our denominational schools to our children and young people (wherever in our reach) as being clean and up to date; and as these schools need financial help, and inasmuch as we have no school in our conference, we therefore advise every one to do all he can consistently to support the school or schools in which he is particularly interested.

We strongly advise our young people, especially those who contemplate entering the ministry, to take the time, forego any pleasure, spare no pains or sacrifice to secure an education. You will never find it a burden to carry about. This is an age of competition, and if you intend giving yourself to Christ and the Free Methodist church, you will have no more brains than is necessary when they are well developed.

The instruction Paul gave to Timothy is applicable to us of this twentieth century: "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

II.—ON CHARITY

Charity is defined, love, benevolence, good will, that disposition which inclines men to think favorably of their fellowmen. It is love in action. If love is the true principle of religion, then to carry out the mind of God it would be impossible to enjoy this God-given blessing called religion and not be charitable. The fact is, Jesus says, "Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this; to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction and keep himself unspotted from the world." No spot of covetousness remains in the heart. Jesus also gives the true principle of this religion in what is termed the golden rule; namely, do unto others as you would they should do unto you. Paul, the great apostle, says, "If any man have not the spirit of Christ he is none of His." This being a true statement, the question may arise, "Had Christ a charitable spirit?" He had, for He was willing to give His life that we might have eternal life. Then if we have the same spirit it will become

a pleasure for us to live to help our fellowmen, not because it is our duty, no, far beyond that, though duty it is, but the principle of love presses us beyond that, because the love of God has been shed abroad in our heart. It is not enough to say, "Be warmed and clothed and fed," if we do not give to the poor and needy. "Whoso hath this world's good and seeth his brother have need and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?"

Let us not love in word, neither in tongue, but in deed and in truth. The early Christians had real charity when they sold their possessions and brought the money and laid it at the apostle's feet. The work of God was their main object. They were willing to forego the comforts of life for the sake of the gospel. The Bible abounds with acts of charity. There are two things to be considered. The first is that of giving. It is too bad for a people that have been blessed with such privileges as the Free Methodists to be otherwise than to be charitable along the lines of giving. There has been some talk of approaching "legalism." It is too bad when we as a church will have to resort to such means. God has a method for giving and if Christians would follow God's plan, there would be no need for compulsion, for there would be such a love for God and His cause that it would become natural to give and give cheerfully, but when covetousness takes the place of charity in the heart, charity stands in the background. We see this in God's chosen people. Malachi was sent to warn them of their condition. They had forsaken the ways of the Lord, had become covetous and failed to bring the tithes into the storehouse. He cries out to them, "Return unto the Lord," but like many of to-day they said, "Wherein shall we return?" "Will a man rob God? Yet have ye robbed me, saith the Lord, in tithes and offerings." Covetousness had found its way into their hearts. They had lost the blessing. How can they get it again? Only by resorting to God's plan by bringing all the tithes into the storehouse, then God's promises will be fulfilled, so to-day God knows and His people may know if they follow His plan, but if not the blessing God designs for His people must and will be withheld. Who is to be blamed? Not God, but some will say, "I have no light on giving the tenth." The more the shame since the Word of God abounds with it. Others say, "I don't believe in giving the tenth, I believe in giving all." That is good, but where are the people that do this? They are very few. We have noticed in many cases, yea, in almost all cases, these are the people who give very little. Paul in writing to the church of Philippi gave them great credit for their liberality in communicating to him in giving and declared as a result God would supply all their needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. But in writing to the church at Corinth he gave command on the first day of the week, "Let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him, so there be no gatherings when I come." He requires systematic giving. Is Paul bringing legalism to bear upon the people? Certainly not. He is only requiring them to follow God's plan of supporting and carrying on His work. We have poor in the church that must be taken care of. Are we to look after them or turn them to some worldly institute? No, not if we have that feeling one toward the other that we ought to have. They would be ready to give a helping hand. This could be easily done if every member of our church would adopt the tithing system. How much more easily the work of God might be carried on. Not only is it in giving, but charity covereth a multitude of faults. "If any are overtaken in a fault ye which are spiritual restore such an one in the spirit of meekness." Charity is kind. It looks into circumstances and trials of others and is ready to help them, in fact it puts such a love in the heart for one another that like Paul we are ready to suffer loss that others may gain. We live daily for others. Oh, for a baptism of that love which sends to the help of the poor and needy, that love that gets into the pocket-book, that drives away every trace of covetousness and makes Christians not only in name but in deed and in truth. Then and not till then will the work of God prosper as it should. Genuine Bible holiness is love on fire. It will burn up all covetousness and say to the world, "This is true Christianity."

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WEST ONTARIO CONFERENCE

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers and Evangelists	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars (Number Enrolled)	Members in Home Department	Names on Cradle Roll	Total Enrollment	General Conference (Assessed Claims) Total Only	Foreign Missions	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Educational Fund	Raised for Sunday School Expenses
Hamilton District	D. Allan, D. E.	31	7	38	5	14	1	6	61	9	20	96	\$ 31 00	\$ 275 00	\$ 215 57	\$.....	\$ 75 49
	Anna Botting and Alma Scott, supplies.	31	1	32	1	11	1	7	30	9	20	37	40	10 00	8 25	.....	31 97
	Miles Babcock, supplies.	24	2	26	1	6	2	8	32	40	37	77	26	5 83	27 80	.....	13 00
	W. E. McGuigin.	24	3	27	1	3	1	5	35	41	19	63	26	5 83	27 80	.....	17 77
	S. S. Bailey.	24	3	27	1	3	1	5	35	41	19	63	26	5 83	27 80	.....	17 77
	Canboro and Montague.	18	1	19	2	2	2	7	38	43	17	56	19	35	9 66	.....	25 67
	Ridgeway and Port Erie.	24	1	25	1	6	1	7	50	14	71	86	16	15	119 20	1 20	43 25
	Welland and Wainfleet.	24	1	25	1	10	1	8	42	8	17	65	28 00	.....	27 50	.....	46 94
	E. S. Stevenson, sup.	17	1	18	1	7	2	15	68	4	8	76	11	40	10 42	.....	18 44
	R. K. Bioge.	26	20	46	4	7	2	15	98	4	8	106	16 15	.....	119 20	1 20	43 25
Tillsonburg District	P. K. Smith.	9	1	10	1	4	2	1	13	15	17	35	25 00	.....	27 50	.....	46 94
	G. W. Freeman, sup.	7	1	8	1	4	2	1	13	15	17	35	25 00	.....	27 50	.....	46 94
	J. A. Hamilton, sup.	7	1	8	1	4	2	1	13	15	17	35	25 00	.....	27 50	.....	46 94
	E. A. Demille.	7	1	8	1	4	2	1	13	15	17	35	25 00	.....	27 50	.....	46 94
	D. Allan, D. E.	28	3	31	.....	9	1	6	58	4	6	74	23 75	.....	22 56	.....	20 06
	William Hoffman.	33	1	34	1	9	3	10	97	21	37	165	35 00	5 00	33 46	.....	45 00
	J. H. Roberts.	53	13	66	1	9	3	10	97	21	37	165	35 00	5 00	33 46	.....	45 18
	J. C. Gare, supply.	27	5	32	1	8	1	8	66	.....	17	91	24 00	.....	128 22	.....	27 13
	W. J. Cowherd.	81	11	92	6	20	1	20	202	.....	22	244	182 90	.....	280 74	.....	112 68
	H. G. Kent.	25	2	27	2	6	2	6	30	.....	36	280	28 00	5 75	30 25	.....	17 10
Sarnia District	D. McGugan, supply.	56	3	59	1	7	3	10	105	.....	124	53 00	83 75	.....	101 30	.....	100 63
	George Evans, supply.	67	4	71	1	27	2	18	120	10	23	171	83 75	12 63	101 30	.....	100 65
	Charles F. Snow.	22	2	24	1	15	2	12	38	.....	50	24 00	.....	.....	19 74	.....	15 55
	J. T. Abrams.	13	1	14	2	6	1	5	22	4	3	34	13 00	.....	27 49	.....	22 10
	Alice E. Walls, Elizabeth Allan, supply.	7	1	8	1	4	1	1	.....	.....	.....	6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	D. H. McCallum, sup.	29	5	34	2	11	2	8	40	.....	41	24 50	22 00	.....	.....	.....	35 74
	J. M. Eagle, D. E.	17	2	19	.....	7	1	8	32	.....	12	52	14 00	.....	42 75	.....	36 91
	George E. Mayo.	29	9	38	4	10	2	12	66	6	6	90	22 50	.....	70 50	.....	34 14
	Thomas W. Robb.	719	104	823	40	218	40	231	1456	58	172	1917	\$ 720 91	\$ 440 87	\$ 1308 64	\$ 1 20	\$ 857 31
	E. E. Loveless.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lake Superior District	Hymers and Port William.	29	5	34	2	11	2	8	40	.....	41	24 50	22 00	.....	.....	.....	35 74
	Sault Ste. Marie.	17	2	19	.....	7	1	8	32	.....	12	52	14 00	.....	42 75	.....	36 91
	St. Joseph Island.	29	9	38	4	10	2	12	66	6	6	90	22 50	.....	70 50	.....	34 14
Total.	.....	719	104	823	40	218	40	231	1456	58	172	1917	\$ 720 91	\$ 440 87	\$ 1308 64	\$ 1 20	\$ 857 31

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WEST ONTARIO CONFERENCE---CONTINUED

CHARGE	Raised in Sunday School for Foreign Missions	Raised for Children's Fund	Raised for General Conference S. S. Board	Raised for Annual Conference Sunday School Board	Raised in Sunday School for All Other Benevolences	Total Amount Raised in Sunday School	Conference Missions	Pastors' Support	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Support	Evangelists' Support	Incidentals	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
Hamilton District																
Hamilton.....	3 48	\$.....	\$4 80	\$ 8 16	\$10 07	\$ 102 00	\$ 7 75	436 05	\$ 100	174 25	\$.....	\$ 862 38	1	4000	1	\$ 4000
Hamilton and Ancaster.....	8 00	.....	.....	2 00	8 00	49 97	8 50	508 94	50	74 58	.....	57 54	2	3000	1	1200
Hamorton.....	25	.....	.....	1 08	4 00	18 33	7 55	375 00	25	134 52	3 00	27 24	2	1500	1	500
Kimbo and Caister Center.....	.....	.....	2 40	2 40	1 00	33 91	6 50	380 72	36	44 35	.....	247 85	2	1500	1	500
Canboro and Montague.....	3 03	.....	85	.....	75	22 40	4 50	185 00	60	56 80	.....	125 00	2	4000	1	3000
Ridgeway and Fort Erie.....	.....	.....	.....	1 63	.....	27 36	4 50	512 89	75	56 70	.....	107 56	2	2500	1	2000
Welland and Wainfleet.....	2 15	.....	1 10	.....	.....	28 12	2 60	348 30	100	45 26	1 50	107 56	1	2500	1	2000
Gait.....	8 60	.....	3 98	1 98	5 70	63 51	4 25	482 61	153	54 16	.....	236 20	1	5000	1	2000
Kelvin and Norwich.....	15 11	2 16	2 81	1 61	10 89	19 52	8 00	295 94	36	51 08	57 56	104 94	1	2000	1	600
Niagara Falls.....	1 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	18 34	8 00	295 43	.....	.....	.....	42 20	1	1200	.....	.....
Bruce County.....	6 00	.....	3 00	.....	1 03	28 39	2 50	328 00	.....	49 51	12 00	29 06	1	1500	.....	.....
Tillsonburg District																
Pheneas.....	4 70	50	2 32	1 42	2 06	31 06	6 25	245 00	.....	45 75	.....	48 24	1	600	1	400
Port Burwell, Houghton, and Bayham.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	46 00	.....	412 00	.....	57 05	.....	766 60	3	2400	1	800
Walsingham, Marston, Jericho.....	1 89	.....	3 53	2 28	9 00	44 36	12 25	563 23	81	39 27	32 45	152 29	3	3000	1	600
Port Rowan and Fort Royal.....	.....	.....	4 06	.....	.....	.....	6 00	535 15	.....	52 35	.....	53 32	1	2000	1	2000
Sarnia District																
Sarnia.....	.....	.....	2 50	2 50	9 52	137 20	29 75	755 11	150	95 00	17 70	1272 86	1	6000	1	3000
Theford and Sharon.....	.....	.....	1 50	1 50	2 39	22 49	7 00	367 06	60	64 16	6 00	73 00	2	2100	1	900
Terminus, Unionville and Thornyhurst.....	18	.....	14 46	.....	.....	15 84	.....	512 50	.....	136 16	.....	250 00	2	1500	1	1000
Charlemont and Zion.....	.....	.....	13 00	10 00	.....	132 65	16 75	843 82	.....	215 47	26 50	.....	2	2400	1	1000
Florence, Wabash, North Dawn.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16 50	6 00	500 00	50	71 43	.....	24 00	2	2000	1	1000
Madison and St. Thomas.....	.....	.....	95	1 23	24 55	24 55	3 25	419 07	40	50 56	37 00	35 65	1	700	1	800
Essex and Comber.....	.....	.....	1 23	1 22	.....	.....	1 50	55 92	.....	.....	29 32	.....	1	1300	.....	.....
Lake Superior District																
Hymers and Fort William.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 75	39 40	6 50	391 97	.....	133 40	.....	24 65	1	1000	1	700
Sault Ste. Marie.....	14 00	.....	2 00	2 00	.....	54 91	3 50	422 26	160	53 37	2 40	267 81	2	2000	1	2000
St. Joseph Island.....	.....	.....	1 25	1 25	.....	36 64	7 50	465 45	50	72 17	1 07	18 76	1	1300	1	1000
Total.....	\$ 68 59	\$ 2 66	66 74	\$50 09	\$68 16	\$1114 46	\$148 85	\$10786 19	\$ 1198	\$2002 16	\$ 227 71	\$4859 24	40	\$ 62000	22	\$303900

EAST ONTARIO CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Twenty-second Annual Session,
held at Verona, Ontario, August 29-September
2, 1917

OFFICERS

WILSON T. HOGUE, *President*

C. CUNNINGHAM, *Secretary*

W. ZURBRIGG, *Treasurer*

B. E. STEVENSON, *Assistant Secretary*

A. SIMS, *Statistical Secretary*

COMMITTEES

On Nominations—W. H. Reynolds, R. Burnham, C. Cunningham.

On Public Worship—Wilson T. Hogue, R. Burnham, A. F. Ball.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—S. C. Snyder, H. B. Luck.

To Publish the Minutes—The secretaries.

To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—W. H. Gregory.

On Conference Missions and Missionary Appropriations—The stationing committee.

On Evangelists' Benefit Fund—The committee on conference missions.

On Sabbath-schools—L. Slingerland, Kate F. Clark, A. O. Kidd.

On Education—A. F. Ball, B. E. Stevenson, J. E. Arksey.

On Publications—M. S. Benn, C. Goodrich, William Grant.

On Reforms—W. H. Gregory, D. L. Gunter, Agnes Benn.

On State of the Work—R. Burnham, W. H. Reynolds, R. W. Conner, T. J. Luck.

On Disbursing the Contingent Fund, and Estimating the Amount Necessary for the Same for Next Year—W. Zurbrigg, E. Snyder.

On Charities—R. Babcock, Alice Redmond, Alice Hendricks.

To Cooperate with a Committee Appointed by the West Ontario Conference on Founding a Seminary in Canada—The committee appointed last year to be permanent until the same shall report to the conference.

Auditor—R. Burnham.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

R. Burnham, president; W. H. Reynolds, secretary and treasurer; C. Cunningham, J. E. Arksey, Samuel Babcock.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

W. H. Reynolds, for one year, president; C. Cunningham, for five years, secretary and treasurer; R. Burnham, for four years; Ephraim Babcock, for two years; John Ball, for three years.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

A. Sims, for three years, president, fourth year; R. Burnham, for four years, secretary, third year; C. Cunningham, for five years, second year; H. B. Luck, for two years, first year; W. Zurbrigg, for one year, preliminary.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Publications—B. E. Stevenson,

On Reforms—S. C. Snyder,

On Sabbath-schools—E. Snyder,

On State of the Work—The district elders,

On Education—A. Sims,

On Charities—H. B. Luck.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL SECRETARY

Miss Ethel Davey.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Conference Missions (25 cents), Church Extension (10 cents), Delegates' Expenses to General Conference (5 cents); second quarter, Bishops' Salaries (18 cents), General Missions (15 cents), Entertaining General Conference (2 cents); third quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund; fourth quarter, Contingent Fund (30 cents), Permanent Fund (5 cents). Evangelists' Benefit Fund, a free-will offering to be taken during the first half of the year.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Mrs. Agnes Benn, president, Newmarket, Ontario; Mrs. Caroline Gregory, Odessa, Ontario, and Mrs. Minnie Ball, Verona, Ontario, vice-presidents; Miss Kate F. Clark, recording and corresponding secretary, Galt, Ontario; Miss Sarah Gregory, treasurer, Odessa, Ontario; Mrs. Edith Snyder, superintendent of Junior work, Campbellford, Ontario.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

A. Sims,	R. Burnham,	W. H. Reynolds,
E. Snyder,	C. Cunningham,	W. Zurbrigg,
C. Goodrich,	S. C. Snyder,	H. B. Luck,
W. H. Gregory,	C. F. Appleton,	L. Slingerland,
D. L. Gunter,	M. S. Benn,	A. F. Ball,
B. E. Stevenson,	R. Babcock.	

[Women evangelists having a seat in the conference, Kate F. Clark, Ethel Davey.]

DELEGATES

Emma Harnden,	James Gibson,	Hattie Coon,
John Rebman,	T. J. Luck,	Amanda Brant,
J. E. Arksey,	A. O. Kidd,	Walter Tomkins,
William Grant,	Walter Wilson,	Agnes Benn,
James Hart,	William Hamilton,	Fred Hawley,
Fred Modler,	Alice Redmond,	Elizabeth Davey,
Samuel Babcock,	R. W. Conner,	Abram Potter,
Alice Hendricks,	Herbert Goodrich,	Frank Snyder,
Frank Loft.		

2. Who are the stationing committee? Wilson T. Hogue, R. Burnham, W. H. Reynolds, Samuel Babcock, John Rebman.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? Irvine M. Loucks, Walter Brown, Ethel Davey, Benjamin C. Cunningham.

4. Who remain on trial? J. W. Potter, E. J. Lee, H. J. Crowder.

6. Who are the deacons? W. H. Gregory, D. L. Gunter, R. Babcock.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? A. Sims.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.

5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15. None.

16-20, 22, 23. See reports and statistics.

21. No business.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Newmarket,

Ontario, as near the first Wednesday in September, 1918, as will suit the convenience of the bishop who may preside.

MISCELLANEOUS

Bishop Wilson T. Hogue presided with ability and grace. His addresses to the conference were especially helpful and inspiring. Christian harmony prevailed throughout the entire session. The preaching of the word was in power, and the religious services were refreshing indeed. The good people of Verona furnished free entertainment. Three young men and one young woman were received in the conference on trial.

Over four hundred dollars in cash and subscriptions was given for foreign missions on Sunday afternoon. The reports of the preachers showed that there had been a gain of sixty full members and twenty probationers during the year, and that the preachers' salaries had also increased. We enjoyed having Mrs. Hogue with us as representative of the Publishing House.

APPOINTMENTS

KINGSTON DISTRICT—R. BURNHAM, District Elder, 93 Colborne street, Kingston, Ontario

Kingston and Cataraqui.....	R. Babcock, 91 Colborne street, Kingston, Ontario
Perth Road and North Shore.....	To be supplied
Odessa and Petworth.....	W. H. Gregory, Odessa, Ontario
Gananoque and Lansdowne.....	I. M. Loucks, Gananoque, "
Verona, Oak Flats and Holleford.....	A. F. Ball, Verona, "
Westport and Fermoy.....	To be supplied
Enterprise and Fifth Lake.....	W. M. Simpson, supply, Enterprise, Ontario
Vennachar and Fernleigh.....	Ephraim Babcock, supply, Ardock, "

R. Burnham, member Kingston district quarterly conference; Ethel Davey, Sunday-school secretary, Verona, Ontario.

CAMPBELLFORD DISTRICT—R. BURNHAM, District Elder

Campbellford and Healey's Falls.....	S. C. Snyder, Campbellford, Ontario
Frankford and Trenton.....	J. W. Potter, Frankford, "
Pictou.....	N. F. Perry, supply, Pictou, "
Warkworth, Zion and Orland.....	Walter Brown, Warkworth, "
Cordova Mines and Victoria.....	Claude Hutchings, supply, Cordova Mines, "
Methuen and Oak Lake.....	C. Goodrich, R. R. 1, Marmora, "
Marmora and Beaver Creek.....	C. A. Babcock, supply, R. R. 1, Marmora, "
Gunter and McRae.....	Datus Crowder, supply, Gunter, "

TORONTO DISTRICT—W. H. REYNOLDS, District Elder, Uxbridge, Ontario

Toronto.....	E. Snyder, 124 First avenue, Toronto, Ontario
Armada.....	To be supplied
Uxbridge and Mt. Pleasant.....	E. J. Lee, Uxbridge, "
Belhaven, Baldwin and Ravenshoe.....	I. Stingerland, Belhaven, "
Newmarket.....	M. S. Benn, Newmarket, "
Holt and Brown Hill.....	H. B. Luck, Holt, "
Peterboro.....	B. E. Stevenson, 294 Aylmer street, Peterboro, "

W. H. Reynolds, member Toronto district quarterly conference; A. Sims, supernumerary, 5 Simpson avenue, Toronto, Ontario.

MUSKOKA DISTRICT—W. H. REYNOLDS, District Elder

Bracebridge.....	C. Cunningham, Bracebridge, Ontario
Huntsville.....	W. Zurbrigg, Huntsville, "
Gravenhurst.....	Gordon Bray, supply, Gravenhurst, "
Barkway, Housey's Rapids and Cooper's Falls.....	"
.....	D. L. Gunter, Housey's Rapids, "
Crown Hill and Hillsdale.....	H. J. Crowder, Hillsdale, "
Midland Mission.....	B. C. Cunningham, Midland, "
C. F. Appleton, missionary to China.	

TREASURER'S REPORT

CHURCH EXTENSION—Apportioned and paid, \$80.70.

BISHOPS' SALARIES—Apportioned and paid, \$145.26.

GENERAL MISSIONS—Apportioned and paid, \$121.05.

GENERAL CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT—Apportioned and paid, \$16.14.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND—Apportioned and paid, \$403.50.

PERMANENT FUND—Apportioned and paid, \$40.35.

DELEGATES' EXPENSES TO GENERAL CONFERENCE—On hand from last year, \$85.29; raised during the year, \$40.35; amount in treasury, \$125.64.

CONTINGENT FUND—Raised, \$242.10. Disbursements: Paid on traveling expenses of delegates to conference, \$143.95; paid on traveling expenses of preachers to conference, \$98.15; total, \$242.10.

EVANGELISTS' BENEFIT FUND—Balance from last year, \$130.39; raised during the year, \$31.31; amount in treasury, \$161.70.

AMOUNT RAISED TO PUBLISH THE MINUTES—\$36.80.

RAISED BY THE W. F. M. S.—\$2,285.00.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON CONFERENCE MISSIONS

KINGSTON AND CAMPBELLFORD DISTRICTS—*Receipts*: On hand from last year, \$265.93; raised during the year, \$117.69; interest accrued, \$7.00; total, \$390.62. *Disbursements*: \$139.85. Balance in treasury, \$250.77.

TORONTO AND MUSKOKA DISTRICTS—*Receipts*: On hand from last year, \$129.12; raised during the year, \$132.75; total, \$261.87. *Disbursements*: \$117.00. Balance in treasury, \$144.87.

II.—ON CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

By amount on hand in 1909, \$4.40; interest on same, \$1.00; received bequeath from Norris estate, \$200.00; interest on same, \$7.12; total, \$212.52.

III.—ON EDUCATION

Education is the art of drawing out or developing the faculties, the training of human beings for the functions for which they are designed. Before we can hope to mold a human being in a desired way we must arrive at a thorough knowledge of that human being. The knowledge of man's nature is usually comprehended under three divisions: the constitution of the body (physiology), the constitution of the mind (psychology) and his moral and religious nature (ethics and religion). In the widest sense of the word a man is educated either for good or evil by everything he experiences from his cradle to his grave. But in the more limited and usual sense, the term education is confined to the efforts made of a set purpose to train men in a particular way.

We recognize the great good being done by the public schools of this coun-

try and believe they should be more generally appreciated than they are. Surely they are the poor man's friend. Yet we deplore the poisonous irreligious atmosphere of these schools. It is conceded by thinking people, both inside and outside of the church, that the moral condition of most of the schools is not conducive to good morals, much less to spiritual growth. Many of our young people get their first lessons in infidelity in our high schools and colleges. As a rule the student, while at school, forms opinions and gathers ideas which abide through life. The early impressions are the strongest and sink deepest into the nature. An education received in surroundings worldly and godless leads to a worldly and godless life and destiny, whereas an education obtained where the environment is decidedly moral and religious, and the atmosphere spiritual and godlike, tends to draw the student toward a moral and spiritual life and destiny. Hence as a church we are interested in the proper education of our children under the best possible influences, to the end that they may be drawn to Christ, qualified for a righteous and useful life in this world and prepared for eternal life in the world to come. We desire to express our appreciation of our denominational schools, and to commend them for the excellent work they are doing, and we recommend that our people patronize and support them as much as possible.

We of the ministry should do our best to improve our education. The Lord says, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge" (Hos. 4:6). If we continue our usefulness as public instructors a measureable degree of study is an absolute necessity and amid the innumerable cares of itinerancy time must be highly valued, so much so as to eliminate useless talking and trifling visits. We would recommend that the preachers bring up their studies in the prescribed course as fast as possible. "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Tim. 2:15).

IV.—ON PUBLICATIONS

"Printing," said Luther, "is the last bright flame before the extinction of the world." The two God-given agencies for propagating the gospel are the living voice and the printed page, and the printing press is the mightiest on earth for good or for evil, hence the necessity for the broadcast diffusion of ennobling and purifying literature.

Paul's letters were weighty and powerful and yet for nearly fourteen hundred years every copy of them had to be made by the slow and painful toil of the patient scribe. Now a single printing press can produce more epistles than Paul could have written in a lifetime and modern mailing facilities scatter them more widely in a week than the apostles could have diffused them during their entire ministry, so with these easy methods for reaching the masses we should "use the pen: there's magic in it, never let it lag behind; write thy thought, the pen can win it from the chaos of the mind." Many men have given enormous energy and time and wasted themselves nobly in evangelistic service, but you can not trace their work to-day; others have supplemented the living voice with literary productions saturated with the gospel and they have been weapons of incalculable influence.

It is true that the press of to-day is often mercenary and Satan seems to have largely gained control of it. The Bible is becoming hidden beneath the rubbish of wild interpretation and cheapened and multiplied newspapers and magazines and books of all kinds have superseded God's Word, which is being crowded out of our public schools and kindly commended to the home, which in turn has politely passed the unwelcome guest to the Sunday-school.

With the activity of the Mohammedan presses, the atheistic periodicals, the infidelistic literature afloat we would attach great importance to the diffusion of Christian literature. While the great European war is raging a greater war is on, fought not with submarines, machine guns and bayonets, but with types and presses, where the cylinders of the press run at lightning speed turning out loathsome literature enough to poison all the fountains of public vir-

tue, making sin attractive, impurity decent, hypocrisy noble, and overflowing like a freshet all the banks of common sense, causing the brain of the young people to whirl with villiany. This greatest scourge of any nation has its victims in all occupations, filling insane asylums, penitentiaries and dens of shame with an avalanche of horror and despair. What we need is an Ephesian bon-fire using as fuel the profligate literature of the day. One paragraph may ruin a soul. A scratch of a pin has sometimes produced lockjaw, so fifteen minutes with a bad book may produce effects that will be eternal. The assassin of Lord Russell declared that he was led into crime by reading one vivid romance.

We believe God intended the press to be the chief means for the world's rescue, so we should provide our homes with choice reading. Benjamin Franklin said that the reading of an essay on "Doing Good" molded his entire life.

We would recommend the systematic study of the Bible through our "teacher training course." Many can not find time for this valuable study, but find hours for fancy work.

We would also recommend a carefully selected library for the home. A home without books even though it has splendid furniture, rich carpets and costly pictures is a dreary, inhospitable place. Good books are genial companions for our young people. Then the *Free Methodist*, the *Missionary Tidings* and our Sunday-school papers should be found in every Free Methodist home, and these valuable papers are well worthy of a much wider circulation. As we are careful to select the most healthful and nutritious food for our tables, let us be equally careful to procure the purest and most inspiring food for the mind.

We would not overlook the importance of scattering good tracts, which if entered into with discretion and persistency becomes an agent for accomplishing great good. The story is told of a tract being given to a sailor, who immediately tore it into shreds, but a part of it on which was the word eternity clung to his coat sleeve and that word fastened itself on his mind and became the means of his conversion.

In view of the possibilities of achieving such desirable results through the spreading of choice literature we would urge unanimous cooperation in this good work. We believe that the profuse dissemination of the best thoughts of the best writers will gild the edges of overhanging clouds, send shafts of illumination into vilified pathways, act as a prevention of evil and a disinfectant to destroy the germs already created, and eventually through the fundamental knowledge of Christ, produce unprecedented sanity and calm the strife, and hasten the time when a nation shall be born in a day.

V.—ON REFORMS

A holiness church is always an aggressive church and we believe the prime purpose of the Free Methodist church is to extend the kingdom of Jesus Christ on the earth, and in so doing we are not only preaching a full salvation but are also contending strongly for all the great reform movements of the day, a few of which are the following:

WAR.—Surely the greatest reform needed in the world to-day is the destruction of war. It is most appalling to think that during the past three years more money has been spent and lives destroyed than during all the wars of all the ages. Hundreds of thousands of dollars are spent daily to destroy life. Fine structures, the work of years, have been laid low in a few minutes. Thousands of noble lives and bright intellects, the flower of our manhood, have been sacrificed. Homes are saddened. Broken-hearted parents, wives and sisters are feeling the power of the grim monster. In many countries destitution, famine and pestilence are being felt keenly. Has earth ever seen such an age of turmoil and trouble? A sense of sorrow seems to pervade all our activities. Again it is retarding many of the movements and using men that should be laboring for the uplifting, ennobling and Christianizing of mankind. We realize sin is the root cause of it all and ask, What can be done? We can beseech the Prince of Peace for mercy on this blood-stained world

until our prayers prevail, also do what we can to relieve the suffering of the wounded and needy and labor and pray for the conversion of those in the struggle.

LIQUOR TRAFFIC.—As a dominion we have great reason to thank God for the great victory won for the prohibition party during the past year. It is a great blessing, with the exception of Quebec, to know the cursed liquor traffic is shut out of our borders. What a privilege to go up and down our streets and find them void of tottering drunkards and to know that behind this homes are improved, where once misery and poverty reigned, and that happiness and prosperity are coming. A few, however, are trying to evade the law and smuggle small quantities on the sly. We should try to expose them wherever possible and labor diligently to hold what great success we have gained.

SECRET SOCIETIES.—We still maintain our position as an enemy to every oath-bound secret order. With many men the lodge is their church, and dues that should go to the up-building of the home and the support of the gospel are being spent to carry on these orders of darkness. They are a menace to the church, home and government. The Word of God says, "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers, for what fellowship hath righteousness and unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?"

SABBATH DESECRATION.—The Sabbath day was set apart as a day of rest and special worship and devotion to God. But alas! its true purpose is lost sight of. First, there is carelessness in regard to church going and God's day with the masses is made a weekly holiday for picnicing, auto joy riding, sight-seeing, visiting and patronizing Sunday newspapers and magazines. We, as a church, should cry out strongly against this evil and be careful not to violate God's commandment on this issue.

We also believe our nation would see greater and speedier success in the war if munition factories and works were closed on Sunday. And why should Sunday be made a special flying day for the aerial navy, attracting hundreds of spectators. Oh, that God would help us to come back to the good, old-fashioned observance of the Sabbath. Let us not forget the scripture: "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy."

MODERN EVANGELISM.—The present spirit of unrest that prevails throughout the world has crept into religious circles. The people are eager for something to satisfy and comfort, but will grasp after that which pleases the ear and seems the easiest way to heaven. There is in the land a shallow evangelism which calls the raising the hand, signing a card, shaking hands with the evangelist genuine repentance and regeneration, while the scripture teaches a "new birth," resulting in a changed heart and life.

DRESS.—We thank God that for nearly sixty years we as a church have kept plain and separate from the world, finding no pleasure in outward adorning. Following the fashion in dress is the sign of a depraved heart, and those of us professing holiness should feel no desire to follow them. It is shameful to see women facing the public little more than half clad. Little wonder that the morality of our youth is endangered. The short skirt, low waist and thin, gauzy clothing are a curse rather than a beauty to society. Let us as God directs us be patterns of plainness and neatness.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE EAST ONTARIO CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

CHARGE	Raised in Sunday School for Foreign Missions	Raised for Children's Fund	Raised for General Conference S. S. Board	Raised for Annual Conference Sunday School Board	Raised in Sunday School for All Other Benevolences	Total Amount Raised in Sunday School	Conference Missions	Pastors' Support	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Support	Evangelists' Support	Incidentals	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
Kingston District																
Kingston and Cataraugus	\$.....	\$.....	\$1 00	\$1 00	\$.....	\$ 50 78	\$ 12 25	\$ 500 00	\$ 134	100 54	\$ 47 50	\$ 110 11	2	4000	1	\$ 2500
North Road and North Shore	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	51 05	8 75	215 84	.....	70 25	.....	13 67	1	700	.....	.....
Ossela and the Lake	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	81 80	6 00	520 00	.....	10 25	.....	39 08	1	2000	.....	.....
Verona, Oak Plains, Holleford	2 34	.....	2 00	.....	48 40	81 80	13 00	223 13	100	61 58	13 00	59 08	1	1800	.....	1500
Westport and Fernoy Lake	4 55	.....	1 40	1 65	5 50	81 10	13 00	530 00	60	111 80	18 31	235 00	1	2500	.....	1000
Enterprise and Fifth Lake	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00	94 32	.....	20 00	.....	.....	1	1200	.....	.....
Vennachar and Fernleigh	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 75	254 61	.....	26 55	3 00	32 62	1	1500	.....	.....
Campbellford District																
Campbellford Mission	2 00	1 46	1 00	1 00	1 55	13 26	3 25	303 86	.....	45 80	.....	2 22	1	1300	.....	.....
Frankford and Trenton	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 75	338 06	.....	73 08	33 73	73 00	1	4500	.....	.....
Pictou	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17 27	.....	117 82	24	68 29	.....	20 40	1	3000	.....	.....
Warkworth and Zion	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	22 00	6 00	205 70	45	76 95	.....	.....	1	1500	.....	1000
Cardova Mines and Victoria	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16 65	12 25	619 26	84	92 42	16 00	32 08	2	2400	.....	1500
Methune and Oak Lake	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 00	6 00	233 17	.....	70 40	.....	9 85	2	3500	.....	.....
Marmora and Beaver Creek	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24 12	1 75	72 27	.....	.....	.....	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gunter and McKee	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35 25	10 25	475 14	30	90 20	.....	35 85	2	1800	.....	400
Toronto District																
Toronto	3 35	.....	.....	.....	17 29	5 00	3 25	54 05	.....	1024 71	.....	28 06	1	600	.....	500
Armadale	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	72 12	15 50	1031 40	168	162 04	.....	574 21	1	6000	.....	3600
Bradbridge and Mt. Pleasant	5 00	.....	1 50	.....	.....	12 25	12 25	150 48	.....	43 77	13 00	171 72	1	1100	.....	.....
Baldwin, Ravenshoe	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 50	12 50	635 25	100	65 91	1 50	153 18	2	2250	.....	2800
Newmarket	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	37 70	12 50	635 25	100	65 91	1 50	153 18	2	2250	.....	2800
Holt and Brown Hill	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35 04	6 25	705 64	.....	98 32	10 00	112 48	3	1150	.....	800
Peterboro	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	31 52	6 25	760 67	.....	106 10	.....	251 82	1	4500	.....	.....
Muskoka District																
Bracebridge	6 00	.....	.....	.....	6 35	74 20	7 50	470 50	150	60 56	.....	160 00	1	4500	.....	1010
Huntsville	9 35	.....	.....	.....	.....	66 00	15 00	540 00	60	74 93	11 60	310 29	1	5000	.....	1000
Gravenhurst	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	60 72	7 75	400 00	60	51 91	.....	113 74	1	400	.....	400
Barkway, Housley's Rapids, etc.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24 53	4 75	370 92	75	37 45	2 00	70 70	1	3000	.....	1000
Crown Hill and Hillsdale	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	36 73	0 25	433 40	.....	56 77	.....	.....	.....	2000	.....	600
Midland Mission	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	23 45	5 75	375 92	37	43 04	.....	190 00	2	2200	.....	900
Meaford Mission	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	28 00	4 00	200 00	120	28 38	.....	75 00	1	4500	.....	.....
Total	\$ 37 09	\$ 1 46	\$ 8 40	\$ 8 15	\$ 89 26	\$ 1009 50	\$ 208 00	\$ 1169 76	\$ 1407	\$ 1888 87	\$ 171 64	\$ 2997 23	42	\$ 68700	17	\$ 20210

*Parsonage joined with church.

GEORGIA AND FLORIDA CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Fifth Annual Session, held at
Rockmart, Georgia, September 19-23, 1917

OFFICERS

J. M. CRITCHLOW, *President*

JAMES B. CUNNINGHAM, *Secretary*

O. J. WITHROW, *Treasurer*

FRED R. HORTON, *Assistant Secretary and Sunday-school Secretary*

COMMITTEES

On Nominations—Fred R. Horton, J. B. Cunningham, O. J. Withrow.

On Public Worship—J. M. Critchlow, J. B. Cunningham, D. B. Cooper.

To Publish the Minutes—The secretaries.

On Collecting Funds to Publish the Minutes—W. P. Juhlin.

On Conference Missions—The stationing committee.

On Claimants and Claims—J. M. Critchlow, O. J. Withrow, W. S. Gardner, W. C. Smith, Mrs. Tallulah Young.

On Education—Mrs. Tallulah Young, Mrs. Leila Dick.

On Sabbath-schools—Fred R. Horton, F. X. Mahs.

On Publications—W. B. Nance, Mrs. Lucile Ernest.

On Reforms—W. S. Gardner, W. C. Smith.

On State of the Work—James B. Cunningham.

On Charities—Mrs. Eula Harris, Mrs. Alfreda Cunningham.

On Aggressive Evangelism—D. B. Cooper, Byrd Kelley.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—Fred R. Horton, O. J. Withrow.

On Complimentary Resolutions—Eula Nichols.

EVANGELISTIC BOARD

W. P. Juhlin, president, 209 East Magnolia street, Lakeland, Florida; O. J. Withrow, treasurer; Byrd Kelley, secretary.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

James B. Cunningham, president; W. B. Nance, secretary; Byrd Kelley, treasurer; B. Winget, O. J. Withrow.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

B. Winget, president, 1920; O. J. Withrow, 1919; J. B. Cunningham, secretary, 1918.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

Conference Claimants' Fund (50 cents, or as committee orders), General Missions (15 cents), Church Extension (10 cents), Bishops' Salaries (18 cents), Entertainment of General Conference (2 cents), Permanent Fund (5 cents), Delegates' Expenses to General Conference (4 cents), Conference Missions (21 cents). All except Conference Missions to be paid during the first quarter, and that to be paid during the second quarter. Total, \$1.25.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

President, Mrs. Annie Withrow, 255 Hill street, Atlanta, Georgia; vice-president, Mrs. Alfreda Cunningham, R. 1, Carrollton, Georgia; corresponding secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Tallulah Young, 9 Garden street, Atlanta, Georgia; recording secretary, Eula Nichols, Rockmart, Georgia; superintendent of Junior work, Eunice Kelley, R. 1, Carrollton, Georgia.

ADDRESSES

J. M. Critchlow, president, Titusville, Pennsylvania; James B. Cunningham, secretary, R. 1, Carrollton, Georgia; O. J. Withrow, treasurer, 255 Hill street, Atlanta, Georgia; Fred R. Horton, Sunday-school secretary, 153 Vine street, Athens, Georgia.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

E. E. Shelhamer,	J. F. Beeson,	J. B. Cunningham,
O. J. Withrow,	W. S. Gardner,	W. P. Juhlin,
F. R. Horton,	W. F. Dick,	B. Winget.

[Woman evangelist occupying a seat, Mrs. Eula Harris.]

DELEGATES

F. X. Mahs,	W. C. Smith,	Mrs. Tallulah Young,
Eula Nichols,	Mrs. Leila Dick,	Mrs. Lucile Ernest,
George Gains.		

2. Who are the stationing committee? J. M. Critchlow, J. B. Cunningham, W. C. Smith.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? D. B. Cooper, C. E. Withrow.

4. Who remain on trial? E. L. Garrow, D. B. Cooper, C. E. Withrow.

5. Who are admitted into full membership? W. F. Dick, F. R. Horton.

6. Who are the deacons? W. S. Gardner, W. P. Juhlin, F. R. Horton, W. F. Dick.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? O. J. Withrow.

11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? B. Winget, from the Susquehanna conference.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? J. D. Reynolds, to the Central Illinois conference, and W. B. Harris, from the conference and church.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? E. E. Shelhamer, to the Pittsburgh conference; D. B. Cooper, to the Kentucky and Tennessee conference.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.

16-20. See statistical report.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See the appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next session be held? As near the middle of next September as will suit the plans of the bishops, the place to be left with a committee composed of B. Winget, J. B. Cunningham and Byrd Kelley.

APPOINTMENTS

ATLANTA DISTRICT—B. WINGET, District Elder, 800 Ninth street, North, St. Petersburg, Florida.

Atlanta (Hill Street).....O. J. Withrow, 255 Hill street, Atlanta, Georgia
Atlanta (Central Mission and Inman Park).....

.....L. D. Wallace, supply, 112 Whitehall street, Atlanta, “

.....C. E. Withrow, assistant, 259 Hill street, Atlanta, “

Rockmart.....W. S. Gardner, Rockmart, “

Hickory Level.....James B. Cunningham, R. 1, Carrollton, “

Poseyville.....Byrd Kelley, supply, R. 1, Carrollton, “

Gainsville.....To be supplied

Cummings.....W. B. Nance, supply, Gainesville, Georgia
 Athens.....F. R. Horton, 153 Vine street, Athens, "
 Macon.....P. B. Hampton, supply, R. 2, Macon, "
 Hephzibah.....W. H. Tyler, supply, R. 1, Macon, "

E. L. Garrow, supplying work at Iola, Kansas; W. F. Dick, evangelist, 150 Vine street, Athens, Georgia; J. F. Beeson, Repairer office, Atlanta, Georgia, left without appointment according to paragraph 116 of the Discipline; W. B. Harris, withdrawn from the conference and church.

FLORIDA DISTRICT—B. WINGET, District Elder

Lakeland.....W. P. Juhlin, 209 East Magnolia street, Lakeland, Florida
 Lake Worth and Delray.....John O'Regan, supply, Lake Worth, "

J. D. Reynolds, transferred to the Central Illinois conference; E. E. Shelhamer, given a certificate of standing with a view to transferring to the Pittsburgh conference; B. Winget, member of the Florida district quarterly conference.

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Mrs. Julia A. Shelhamer, 318 Stoner Mrs. Tallulah Young, 9 Garden street,
 avenue, McKeesport, Pennsylvania Atlanta, Georgia
 Mrs. Mary A. Beeson, Repairer office, Mrs. Eula Harris, 23 Banks street,
 Atlanta, Georgia Gainesville, Georgia
 Mrs. Lillie Bassett, 1711 Highland avenue, Tampa, Florida

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE EVANGELIST

Lola Winn....Athens, Georgia

LOCAL PREACHERS

W. H. Tyler....R. 1, Macon, Georgia J. D. Posey....R. 3, Bremen, Georgia
 P. B. Hampton..R. 2, Macon, " G. E. Butler, Star Route, Buchanan,
 Harry Briggs...R. 2, Macon, " Georgia
 Byrd Kelley.R. 1, Carrollton, " J. L. Trammell, 25 Milledge avenue,
 W. B. Nance.....Gainesville, " Atlanta, Georgia
 J. H. Withrow....259 Hill street, Atlanta, Georgia

LOCAL DEACON

C. M. Anderson....Ancon, Canal Zone, Panama

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON STATE OF THE WORK

We are glad to state that God has been pleased to bless us much during the year. Success has crowned our efforts to some degree, but we feel that it has not been nearly what it should have been. A slight increase is reported, but the fact that it is not more should humble us before God and send us back to the circuits with new determination that by the grace of God we will gloriously succeed during the year just at hand. We need added diligence along many lines.

The general gatherings have been seasons of much helpfulness. The district meetings in both Georgia and Florida have been more encouraging than ever in interest and attendance. Also, the Atlanta district camp meeting was better attended than that of any previous year. However, we expect this to be only the beginning. The interest and attendance at these gatherings are

not nearly what they should be if our work is to grow and expand in accordance with our opportunities. We wish to urge this upon our people. Our work can not prosper in a large way so long as these meetings are considered unimportant.

EVANGELISM.—We have a great field here. Calls come from many directions. We wish to strongly urge our pastors to keep wide awake and much alive along this line. Moreover, we believe that this conference could easily support an evangelist if the right man was secured.

PASTORAL SUPPORT.—This is much neglected in most places. It seems to be the general opinion that the preachers are called to do all the sacrificing or else that their needs are a great deal less than those of other people. This has been almost tragical in some instances. The writer is in position to know. We wish to again recommend the organization of the Tithers' League and the use of the budget system. Some solution of this acute problem is imperative.

Last, but not least, there is not in a general way enough devotion to our cause. We have the best thing in the world, or we are the most deceived people on earth. We are pleased to believe the former. If we are to succeed in the right way, there must be a devotion that holds good through misunderstandings, difficult problems and discouraging features of every kind. God has blessed us in the past. He is blessing us now and wants to bless us a great deal more in the future. Are we ready, in faith, consecration, in devotion to the thing in hand, to meet the demands along these lines?

II.—ON PUBLICATIONS

"Show me your associates and I will tell you who you are." Just so we might say, "Show me the kind of books you read, and I will tell you what your character is." One should use much discretion in the selection of reading matter for himself and family. Our land is flooded and the nation cursed with trashy, unreliable literature. Theories and speculations of men are taught in place of the Word of God. Just as we select with care the proper food for our children that they may be their best physically, so should we select their reading if their minds and lives are to be rightly trained. Lives are being daily molded by the character of the literature read. We greatly deplore the fact that at least three-fourths of what comes from the press is wholly unfit for either young folks or those of more mature years. It is indeed sad to see parents indifferent to this fact. No stress seems to be laid upon their reading only that which is clean and wholesome. Therefore their minds are being ruined by the poisonous books and periodicals which we see on every hand. The result is seen in the increasing immorality among our girls and young women of all classes, and the great increase of crime among our boys and young men. One has said with much regret, "I am part of all that I ever read."

We would also say, beware of that class of religious literature which is superficial, sentimental and worldly in its character. We especially wish to express our opposition to those publications which support "Christian Science," "Mormonism," "Modern Spiritualism," "Millennial Dawnism," "Higher Criticism," "New Thoughtism," etc.

By way of recommendation we would say the *Free Methodist* is one of the best, if not the best, holiness paper in the realm of religious literature. Our people especially should take it. None should be without it. Again, we need look no further than our own Publishing House for suitable books for the home. Each family should have a library of them.

When we take into consideration that there never was a time in the history of the world when the press was sending out such a large amount of printed matter as now, and that all of this will influence the readers for better or worse, we as professed followers of Christ should endeavor to awaken a public sentiment, both for the printing and reading of such literature as will

build Christian character. Above all we would say, give us the Bible. It improves us for our sins, comforts us in our sorrows, opens to us divine things, and promises us eternal life beyond the tomb. Truly it is the Book of books.

III.—ON EDUCATION

Education is of such great importance that it should in no wise be neglected, either physically, mentally or spiritually. It takes all three to make a well-rounded person, fitted for the duties and responsibilities of life. We fear that parents too often fail to recognize that education does not wholly consist in "Greek and Latin." There is a great lack of home training. If our young folks are to know how to take care of their bodies, be well bred, and have a wholesome respect for discipline, we must not leave it for the school teacher to do. Then we, too, must keep an eye on what they are feeding their minds upon all the while. There is so much afloat that will poison the young mind that the greatest diligence is required along this line. Above all, a knowledge of spiritual things must be instilled into their young minds. If a child can learn Mother Goose Rhymes, Red Riding Hood, Little Boy Blue, and other such things, it can also learn short Scripture verses, listen to Bible stories and be taught to pray and honor God.

We believe in education and that every one should obtain as good a one as possible, provided that they keep the glory of God in view. The better educated one is, the greater capacity he has to enjoy and worship and glorify God. Especially are we the better able to do the work of spreading the gospel and gathering souls into the kingdom, as well as the other duties of life. There seems to be a great lack these days on the part of parents in instilling into the young minds the desire for knowledge. We must remember that the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world. Train your children well at home, discipline them thoroughly, commit them to God unreservedly, educate them properly, and God will do the rest.

Our church has excellent schools, seminaries and colleges. We highly recommend them to our people. We would do well to patronize them whenever possible. The gospel and Christian education have always gone hand in hand. God gave us minds capable of great development. Let us develop them to the greatest possible efficiency, being sure that the spiritual keeps pace. In conclusion we would say with the great apostle, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE GEORGIA AND FLORIDA CONFERENCE

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers and Evangelists	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars (Number Unrolled)	Members in Home Department	Names on Cradle Roll	Total Enrollment	General Conference (Assessed Claims) Total Only	Foreign Missions	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Educational Fund	Raised for Sunday School Expenses
Atlanta District	J. B. Cunningham, D. E.	63	15	78	7	10	2	19	118	...	...	137	\$ 62.40	\$ 5.00	...	...	\$ 108.61
Hill Street and Central Mission.	W. J. Garwood.	9	5	14	...	6	1	7	55	...	...	62	15.20	...	...	...	48.22
Inman Park	Frederic R. Horton.	13	6	19	...	7	1	8	30	...	...	36	10.40	...	...	...	18.72
Rockmart	Dee B. Cooper, sup.	3	6	9	...	1	1	2	90	...	...	98	33.28	60.00	10.25	...	34.10
Hickory Level	Oscar J. Withrow.	40	6	46	...	8	1	9	30	...	...	5	20.80	...	27.23	...	20.00
Gainesville	Mrs. E. Harris, sup.	22	5	27	...	15	1	1	11	...	...	73	11.44	9.50	...	...	25.10
Athens	W. F. Dick.	9	1	10	...	3	1	8	65	...	...	43	16.64	...	...	...	16.50
Macon	W. H. Tyler, supply.	19	1	20	...	4	1	5	38	...	...	24	12.48	...	...	...	23.15
Florida District	J. B. Cunningham, D. E.	11	5	16	...	3	1	5	19	...	...	24	12.48	...	...	...	5.00
Lakeland	W. P. Juhlin.	10	4	14	...	8	1	5	38	...	...	24	12.48	...	...	...	...
Lakeworth and Delray.	J. D. Reynolds.	10	4	14	...	8	1	5	38	...	...	24	12.48	...	...	...	...
Total.		196	45	241	16	54	10	71	490	25	9	585	\$ 195.52	\$ 74.50	\$ 37.48	\$	\$ 299.43

CHARGE	Raised in Sunday School for Foreign Missions	Raised for Children's Fund	Raised for General Conference S. S. Board	Raised for Annual Conference Sunday School Board	Raised in Sunday School for All Other Benevolences	Total Amount Raised in Sunday School	Conference Missions	Pastors' Support	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Support	Evangelists' Support	Incidentals	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
Atlanta District	\$ 2.60	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 108.61	\$ 12.60	\$ 702.23	\$	\$ 125.20	\$ 149.32	\$ 232.47	1	\$ 5000	...	\$
Hill Street and Central Mission.	...	...	...	...	...	50.82	1.05	17.00	...	42.06	35.60	305.54	1	...	...	...
Inman Park	...	...	...	...	...	18.75	2.10	130.80	84	26.25	45.00	18.75	1	500	1	900
Rockmart	...	...	...	...	...	41.10	6.72	187.58	60	40.00	16.00	20.00	1	1000	1000	600
Hickory Level	7.00	...	...	...	...	20.00	4.20	232.10	...	49.21	...	47.40	1	...	...	1000
Gainesville	...	...	...	...	...	60.70	2.86	30.00	...	27.05	...	37.03	...	...	...	...
Athens	5.60	...	...	...	...	16.50	34.42	...	...	117.51	10.00	...	...	...	...	...
Macon	...	...	...	...	...	44.28	8.36	258.87	60	62.74	7.03	12.00	1	800	1	1300
Florida District	21.13	...	...	...	...	5.00	2.52	50.48	...	28.65	...	15.00	1	800	800	...
Lakeland	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lakeworth and Delray.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total.	\$ 36.33	\$	\$	\$	\$ 30.00	\$ 365.76	\$ 41.13	\$ 1763.48	\$ 204	\$ 518.67	\$ 262.95	\$ 668.19	5	\$ 8100	4	\$ 3800

CENTRAL ILLINOIS CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Thirty-ninth Annual Session, held
at Hillsboro, Illinois, September 5-8, 1917

OFFICERS

WALTER A. SELLEW, *President*

J. A. WILLIAMS, *Secretary*

J. L. MAYHEW, *Assistant Secretary*

J. G. YECK, *Statistical Secretary*

J. W. E. AMBROSE, *Treasurer*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—Walter A. Sellew, W. H. Lawson, E. P. Boyd.

On Sabbath-schools—Homer Tanner, F. D. Boling, William Fristoe, T. H. Eaton, J. G. Yeck.

On Reforms—C. J. Turnbow, J. D. Lockard, Jesse Millard.

On Education—E. G. Burritt, G. W. Griffith, J. W. Hood.

On Publications—J. L. Mayhew, E. V. Towns, A. R. Syfert.

On State of the Work—A. J. Smith, D. R. Taylor, J. O. Hendrickson.

To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes—Elmer McKay.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—W. W. Bruce, B. F. Grigg, D. P. Abel.

On Memoirs—J. LaDue, G. W. Hood, R. W. Sanderson.

On Missions and Missionary Appropriations—The stationing committee.

Auditor—W. W. Bruce.

On Charities—Bersha Green, Ada Taylor, Mae Killion.

On Conference Claimants and Claims—Walter A. Sellew, W. D. Cochran, W. H. Lawson, J. M. Daniels, D. P. Abel.

To Publish the Minutes—The secretaries.

On Complimentary Resolutions—J. N. VanNattan, G. W. Hood.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

B. F. Grigg, for five years; W. H. Lawson, for four years; J. C. Sills, for three years; J. LaDue, secretary, for two years; B. F. Ray, president, for one year.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Publications—G. W. Griffith,

On Reforms—Elmer McKay,

On Education—W. W. Bruce,

On Sabbath-schools—E. P. Boyd.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

E. G. Burritt, president; J. LaDue, secretary; J. M. Daniels, treasurer; J. W. Hood, B. F. Ray.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund; second quarter, Home Missions (10 cents), General Missions, General Delegates' Expenses; third quarter, Bishops' Salaries, Permanent Fund, Annual Conference Entertainment Fund (10 cents); fourth quarter, Church Extension, General Conference Entertainment Fund.

OFFICERS OF THE FREE METHODIST MINISTERS' MUTUAL AID SOCIETY

E. P. Boyd, president, Hillsboro, Illinois; A. J. Smith, Greenville, Illinois.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Mrs. Lily E. Hood, president, Greenville, Illinois; Mrs. Belle Cochran, first vice-president, Greenville, Illinois; Mrs. Mary Lawson, second vice-presi-

dent, Lewistown, Illinois; Mrs. Grace Williams, corresponding secretary, Colchester, Illinois; Mrs. Minnie Ashcraft, recording secretary, Greenville, Illinois; Mrs. Carrie T. Burritt, treasurer, Greenville, Illinois; Mrs. Lillian Griffith, superintendent of Junior work, Greenville, Illinois.

COMMITTEE TO DISBURSE THE CONFERENCE CITY FUND

W. D. Cochran, president; W. H. Lawson, secretary; J. M. Daniels, treasurer; B. F. Ray, E. P. Boyd.

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTIC BOARD

W. D. Cochran, president, Greenville, Illinois; W. H. Lawson, secretary, Lewistown, Illinois; C. J. Turnbow, treasurer, Greenville, Illinois; B. F. Ray, E. P. Boyd.

COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE THE STATUS OF THE INCORPORATION OF THE CONFERENCE

W. D. Cochran, W. W. Bruce, W. H. Lawson.

ADDRESSES

J. W. E. Ambrose, treasurer, 711 South Clayton street, Bloomington, Illinois; E. P. Boyd, Sunday-school secretary, Hillsboro, Illinois; J. M. Daniels, treasurer of the conference city fund, Greenville, Illinois; J. A. Williams, secretary, Colchester, Illinois.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

G. W. Hood.
B. F. Ray,
R. C. Nowlin,
B. F. Grigg,
A. J. Smith,
S. E. Cooper,
R. W. Sanderson,
Bersha Green,
J. D. Reynolds,
J. G. Yeck,
E. V. Towns,
C. W. Shay,
W. D. Cochran,
J. A. Williams,
J. LaDue,
F. D. Boling,

Homer Tanner,
F. H. Ashcraft,
Guy Kyle,
S. K. Wheatlake,
C. W. Young,
J. L. Mayhew,
W. J. Henninger,
R. Trever,
D. W. Sala,
D. R. Taylor,
C. P. Ewing,
D. Kimbro,
W. H. Lawson,
C. H. Coates,
J. O. Hendrickson,
J. P. Taylor,

G. W. Garlock,
T. H. Eaton,
J. Adams,
W. W. Bruce,
C. J. Turnbow,
J. F. Deremiah,
E. P. Boyd,
G. W. Griffith,
E. G. Burritt,
J. A. Bolton,
J. N. VanNattan,
J. C. Sills,
W. T. Klotzbach,
J. D. Lockard,
Elmer McKay,
B. J. Hayes.

DELEGATES

D. A. Sherman,
J. M. Daniels,
Mae Killion,
John Hood,
A. R. Syfert,
J. W. E. Ambrose,
Mary Williams,
E. H. Robertson,
Allen Parker,
T. A. Hill,

Mrs. Morgan Corlew,
William Fristoe,
John Neece,
E. M. Halford,
Jesse Millard,
Otis Vance,
Susie Denton,
L. Z. Young,
John Ashwood,
Sarah Hibbs.

Garner Curtis,
Ada Taylor,
Hugh McKelvey,
L. A. Smith,
D. P. Abel,
Critt Gott,
C. M. Bailey,
Fred Dothager,
W. T. Branson,

2. Who are the stationing committee? Walter A. Sellew, W. D. Cochran, W. H. Lawson, B. F. Ray, D. P. Abel, J. M. Daniels, D. A. Sherman.
3. What preachers are admitted on trial? Clara Roberts, O. W. Derry.
4. Who remain on trial? H. C. Emigh, of second year; Coleman Griffith, of the first year.
5. Who are admitted into full membership? B. J. Hayes, J. P. Taylor, F. D. Boling.
6. Who are the deacons? W. J. Henninger, of third year; J. L. Mayhew, of fourth year; Bersha Green, of third year; C. W. Young, passed fourth year; Elmer McKay, of fourth year; B. J. Hayes, of third year; F. D. Boling, of third year; J. P. Taylor, of third year.
7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? None.
8. Who have located this year? None.
9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? W. J. Henninger, C. W. Young, C. P. Ewing.
10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? R. Trever, J. Adams, G. W. Hood, J. A. Bolton, B. F. Grigg, D. W. Sala.
11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? G. W. Griffith, an ordained elder, from the South Dakota conference; J. D. Reynolds, an ordained elder, from the Georgia and Florida conference; E. V. Towns, an ordained elder, from the Kentucky and Tennessee conference.
12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.
13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? Glen McDonald.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.
15. Who have died this year? M. H. Shepard, S. D. Barritt.
- 16-20. See statistical report.
21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? G. W. Hood, \$140; J. A. Bolton, \$150; R. Trever, \$130; B. F. Grigg, \$150; Elizabeth Barritt, \$90.
24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.
25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Coffeen, Illinois, as near the first Wednesday in September, 1918, as is consistent with the plans of the presiding bishop.

APPOINTMENTS

GREENVILLE DISTRICT—W. D. COCHRAN, District Elder, Greenville, Illinois

Greenville.....	G. W. Griffith, Greenville, Illinois
Zion, Union Grove and Mulberry Grove....	C. J. Turnbow, Greenville, "
Coffeen and Sorento!.....	J. O. Hendrickson, Coffeen, "
Alton.....	R. C. Nowlin, Alton, "
Keyesport and Oak Grove.....	E. T. Corson, supply, Greenville, "
Belleville and Dutch Hollow.....	Clara Roberts, Belleville, "
Litchfield.....	H. C. Emigh, Litchfield, "
Bingham and Halford Chapel.....	C. E. Ring, supply, Bingham, "
Madison.....	T. A. Hill, supply, Madison, "
St. Louis.....	D. R. Taylor, 3401 Morgan street, St. Louis, Missouri
St. Louis Mission of Redeeming Love.....	Lydia A. Newberry, superintendent, St. Louis, "
Hillsboro and Irving.....	E. P. Boyd, supply, Hillsboro, Illinois
Hettick.....	To be supplied
Dudleville.....	To be supplied

E. G. Burritt, president of Greenville College, Greenville, Illinois; J. LaDue and C. W. Shay, professors in Greenville College, Greenville, Illinois; G. W. Garlock, teacher in Greenville College, Greenville, Illinois; S. K. Wheatlake, general conference evangelist, 2330 Dexter street, Denver, Colorado; F.

H. Ashcraft, evangelist, Greenville, Illinois; A. J. Smith, evangelist, Greenville, Illinois; J. C. Sills, evangelist, Coffeen, Illinois; D. Kimbro, evangelist, Basin, Wyoming; W. T. Klotzbach, evangelist; S. E. Cooper, missionary to Japan; R. Trever, J. Adams, G. W. Hood, J. A. Bolton, superannuated; F. L. Hall, transferred to Oil City conference; B. F. Grigg, superannuated, Greenville, Illinois; Glen McDonald, transferred to Minnesota and Northern Iowa conference; Coleman Griffith, attending college; W. W. Bruce, evangelist, Greenville, Illinois; J. D. Reynolds, evangelist.

COWDEN DISTRICT—B. F. RAY, District Elder, Greenville, Illinois

Cowden.....J. G. Yeck, Cowden, Illinois
 LaCledde and St. James.....Elmer McKay, LaCledde, "
 Tower Hill, Lakewood, Bethel and Cold Spring....."
J. D. Lockard, Tower Hill, "
 Bethany Church and Shelbyville.....Jesse Price, supply, Lakewood, "
 Bethany.....R. W. Sanderson, Bethany, "
 Lovington.....To be supplied
 Pana, Robert's Chapel and Ohlman.....F. D. Boling, Pana, Illinois
 Mount Vernon.....Guy Kyle, 609 South 19th street, Mount Vernon, "
 Centralia.....To be supplied
 Taylorville.....Bersha Green, Taylorville, Illinois
 Vandalia and Grace Chapel.....C. H. Coates, Vandalia, "
 Stewardson and Sylvan.....Mayme Gardner, supply, Stewardson, "
 Decatur.....J. N. VanNattan, 1375 N. Church street, Decatur, "

J. F. Deremiah, left without appointment according to paragraph 116 of the Discipline.

IPAVA DISTRICT—W. H. LAWSON, District Elder, Lewistown, Illinois

Ipava.....B. J. Hayes, Ipava, Illinois
 Lewistown and Freds.....E. V. Towns, Lewistown, "
 Macomb, Colchester and Eagle Schoolhouse.....J. A. Williams, Colchester, "
 Bluffs and Valley City.....O. W. Derry, Bluffs, "
 Durham, Lomax and Webster.....J. P. Taylor, Durham, "
 Vermont, Ray, Christian Neck and Bethany Church....."
Homer Tanner, Vermont, "
 Bloomington....."
J. Edward Searle, supply, 314 E. Mulberry street, Bloomington, "
 Clinton.....T. H. Eaton, 918 N. George street, Clinton, "
 Mason City and Forest City.....To be supplied
 Athens.....Mary Taylor, supply, Athens, Illinois
 Hopedale.....To be supplied
 Antioch, Fairfield and Corinth.....J. L. Mayhew, Rushville, Illinois

D. W. Sala, superannuated, Macomb, Illinois; C. P. Ewing, C. W. Young, W. J. Henninger, supernumerary.

LOCAL ELDERS

O. P. Smith.....Mt. Vernon, Illinois E. T. Ellis.....Greenville, Illinois
 Samuel FowlerCowden, " E. R. Banning.....Greenville, "
 J. W. E. Ambrose, 703 East Bell street, Bloomington, Illinois

LOCAL DEACONS

John MartinRaymond, Illinois W. P. Cook.....Greenville, Illinois
 J. W. Smith.....Irving, " J. E. Price.....Lakewood, "
 M. W. McCarty.....Decatur, " E. F. Barritt.....Colchester, "
 John BeeseBelleville, " J. Edward Searle, 314 East Mulberry
 T. A. Smith.....Granite City, " street, Bloomington, Illinois
 O. H. Sandy.....Johnsonville, Illinois

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Lily E. Hood.....	Greenville, Illinois	Minnie Ashcraft....	Greenville, Illinois
Addie Ashcraft....	Greenville, "	Emma F. Shay....	Greenville, "
Maggie Stevens....	Greenville, "	Lulu Ewing	Vermont, "
Helen S. Bolton....	Greenville, "	Ella Pratt	Hettick, "
Rosa Sala	Macomb, "	Lydia A. Newberry, St. Louis, Missouri	
Ada Taylor	Lovington, "	Maude Reiter, 3123 Bell avenue, St. Louis, Missouri	
Nellie Butler	Hettick, "	Mary Lawson.....	Lewistown, Illinois
Alice Sager	Greenville, "	Ella Smith....	Greenville, Illinois

LOCAL PREACHERS—UNORDAINED

T. A. Hill.....	Madison, Illinois	Thomas Cutwright..	Centralia, Illinois
J. W. Ward.....	Greenville, "	James Starkweather..	Hettick, "
Paul Nelson.....	Greenville, "	John Livsey	Sorento, "
Charles Savage	Coffeen, "	Thomas Glover.....	Belleville, "
Frank Askins	Lakewood, "	C. M. Bailey.....	Alton, "
Luther Hawley.....	Greenville, "	W. M. Stine.....	St. James, "
C. C. Johnson.....	Mt. Vernon, "	C. H. Starkey.....	Belleville, "
A. J. Howell..	Mulberry Grove, "	J. C. Bailey.....	Alton, "
Harold Line	Greenville, "	Frank Edwards....	Keyesport, "
John Hull	Colusa, "	Jacob Moyer.....	Greenville, "
C. E. Ring.....	Bingham, "	J. Mellinger	Greenville, "
Marion Shupe	St. James, "	F. L. Dothager, Mulberry Grove, Illinois	
E. U. Young.....	Cowden, "	Ray Nowlin	Clinton, Illinois
Leslie Vail	Macomb, "	William Frost	Sorento, "
Allen Parker	Bluffs, "	William Fristoe....	St. James, "
Harry Wardell	Pana, "	P. C. Kerchner.....	Alton, "
Cyrus Nelson	Greenville, "		

LOCAL EVANGELISTS

Dita Lyerla	Coffeen, Illinois	S. D. Young.....	Donnellson, Illinois
Amanda Hart	Lakewood, "	Mamie Gardner...	Stewardson, "
Amanda Roland....	St. Louis, Missouri	Ora Scott	Sikeston, "
Ella Mason	Plymouth, Illinois	Ada Prater	Greenville, "
Bronta Smith	Shelbyville, "	Amy Hudson	Centralia, "
Mary Taylor	Athens, "	Ruth Emigh	Litchfield, "

MISCELLANEOUS

The thirty-ninth annual session of the Central Illinois conference was held at Hillsboro, Illinois, September 5-8, 1917. Bishop Walter A. Sellw presided with his usual ability and his addresses and sermons were a means of encouragement and grace to all. Mrs. Sellw represented the Publishing House interests.

J. P. Taylor, B. J. Hayes and F. D. Boling were ordained deacons at the Sunday morning service.

A very interesting missionary address was rendered by Mrs. Sellw on Sunday afternoon, after which an offering of \$1,010.85 in cash and subscriptions was taken. At the close of this service Bishop Sellw preached a sermon in English and Rev. J. P. Brodhead, formerly a missionary in Africa, interpreted it in the Zulu.

TREASURER'S REPORT

SURPLUS FROM LAST YEAR.....	\$ 104.39
RECEIVED FOR CLAIMS ASSESSED.....	1,995.65
Total.....	\$2,100.04
GENERAL MISSIONS—Assessed and paid.....	\$ 256.05
BISHOPS' SALARIES—Assessed and paid.....	312.00
CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS—Assessed and paid.....	853.50
PERMANENT FUND—Assessed and paid.....	85.35
CHURCH EXTENSION—Assessed and paid.....	170.70
GENERAL CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT—Assessed and paid...	34.14
CONFERENCE MISSIONS—Assessed and paid.....	170.70
ANNUAL CONFERENCE SUNDAY-SCHOOL BOARD.....	2.50
GENERAL CONFERENCE SUNDAY-SCHOOL BOARD.....	3.50
FOREIGN MISSIONS	4.00
EDUCATIONAL FUND	13.00
CHILDREN'S FUND	12.84
FOR PUBLISHING THE MINUTES.....	49.90
GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES' EXPENSES ON HAND FROM LAST YEAR	53.55
BALANCE ON HAND FROM CONFERENCE MISSIONS.....	119.33
BALANCE ON HAND FOR CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT.....	15.70
CLAIMS FROM SHELBYVILLE CIRCUIT RECEIVED TOO LATE TO REPORT	21.60

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON EDUCATION

Life is the sum of its relationships. It is the work of education to multiply and strengthen relationships and thus enlarge and enrich individual life.

Christian education establishes relations with literature, science, art and institutions in common with secular education, but finds its high mission in establishing in the consciousness of individual minds and hearts a relationship with God, His church and His people. This relation is a fundamental one and affects life at its core. Christian education brings the individual into vital connection with God, and the relationship thus established enriches life in its deepest satisfactions and makes it in the truest sense significant and fruitful.

Just at this time when the nations of the earth are engaged in the greatest war of history, educational standards and ideals are being subjected to a searching examination. And it seems very clear that much which has passed for education and culture must be regarded as most seriously defective. An educational system which is responsible for a civilization that can make possible or permit a war with such wasteful expenditure of life and treasure to serve the interest of evident selfish ambition, that can in the conduct of this war violate sacred treaties and perpetrate nameless horrors against innocent women and baby children, must be judged before the world as radically wrong and potentially vicious. And this so-called education and culture has been recognized everywhere as secular, un-Christian and agnostic. In its highest seats have been found the exponents of a rationalistic philosophy, a destructive Biblical criticism, a naturalistic theology, and a subtle and insidious paganism. This anti-Christian culture, polished and keen though it may be, must stand before the world as weighed in the balance and found wanting.

The only true education is the education that reveres the Bible, that knows a personal God and a supernatural Christ, that recognizes the fact of sin and its awful consequences, and points to a world's Redeemer who saves from sin and fits for service.

But while the defective character of secular education even at its best

is thoroughly evident by the events of the great war, the scholarship that has been trained at these German universities to return and perpetuate itself in the colleges and universities of our own land, is still active to poison the minds and corrupt the morals of our children who come under its influence. Unbelief is so prevalent and aggressive in the secular and many of the nominally Christian seats of learning dominated by German scholarship that our young people come within their walls at exceeding peril, and parents who place their children in such institutions must give an account to God if their children stray away, as they undoubtedly will, from their father's God and their mother's simple faith.

If we would save our young people to God and build up with our own the church which we love and for which many of us are giving our lives, let us act intelligently in the matter of the support and patronage of our Free Methodist schools. Let us see that they are properly maintained, with an adequate faculty of earnest Christian men and women, with an equipment commensurate with the character of the work required to be done, fitting stations for the work and service of life. And we trust that all our schools, thus equipped and incarnating the ancient ideals of Methodism and the founders of the Free Methodist church, may be more abundantly factors in the solution of the problems involved in the saving to the church of our young people, in recruiting to the ranks of our ministry, and in promoting the work and interests of the church.

We commend Greenville College for its work in the field of higher education and rejoice at its completion of twenty-five years in the service of God and the church.

II.—ON PUBLICATIONS

All are aware of the fact that the printing press is the greatest way of disseminating knowledge. We remember the darkness that prevailed before the days when the printing press was invented, how men groveled in darkness and wished for light, how monks poured over long manuscripts in darkened cells recopying the New Testament that men might know even the way to heaven, and what a great revival of learning and religious life took place upon the discovery of this great means of spreading knowledge rapidly.

The church should take advantage of every instrument available to further the gospel. The enemies of the cross have certainly made use of this instrument in sowing the country down with vile and pernicious literature which threatens as a moral cancer to eat out the very vitals of American morals. Among the most dangerous of these is Russelism, whose treacherous representatives sneak about through the country, "wolves in sheep's clothing," passing off their damning infidel books upon good but unsuspecting people under the guise of "the latest set of books on Bible study." The only way to counteract these influences is to refuse all such cheap and injurious literature and to patronize our own Publishing House, which we, your committee, believe publishes the highest and purest grade of religious literature in the world.

As Free Methodists we should patronize our own Publishing House from principle, but this is not all to be taken into consideration; we are not only keeping up an institution that is publishing present literature, but is a preservative institution, preserving many books and other religious literature that would otherwise be lost to the church forever.

The *Free Methodist*. It is needless to say that every Free Methodist should take our paper. It is a lamentable fact that some of our people take two or three daily and weekly papers at a cost of from four to seven dollars and then plead that they are not able to take the *Free Methodist*. No loyal Free Methodist will consider any other periodical until he first has the *Free Methodist* in his home. We find that the best developed type of piety and clean-cut Free Methodist principles are found in those who spend much time in reading our publications, while those who will not read are a class, to say the least, who show very little interest in the church.

Our communication from our Publishing House shows us that a special effort on the part of its patrons is necessary to prevent deficit in expenses incurred by the publication of our church paper for the coming year. Therefore we urge a strenuous and concerted effort on the part of our people and especially our pastors to increase the reading of our religious literature and especially the *Free Methodist*.

III.—ON MEMOIRS

The past year two of our long tried warriors have answered the roll call above.

BROTHER M. H. SHEPARD was a fearless, thorough, loyal and untiring preacher, a lover of God and a lover of the souls of men. He bore the burdens of the early work of Free Methodism in these regions and his faithful labors, in public and private, resulted in fruit that remains. He was a soldier in action, and then for long years he was a soldier in the fiery ordeal of infirmity and inaction. But to the end he grew in grace and went home ripe, manifestly and fully ripe for heaven. A patient, godly servant and sufferer has entered upon his reward.

BROTHER S. S. BARRITT was a character composed of fine, beaten gold of the sanctuary. Sterling integrity was the very warp and woof of his being. He was quiet and steady, fearless and unshaken, sound in judgment, kind and prayerful, and with a disposition for unlimited sacrifice. He labored among us until some two years ago, and ended his priceless career in California, where his devoted daughters and son-in-law are laboring. May the faith and faithfulness of these two men rest on us all.

We have been glad to welcome among us Brother E. V. Towns from Kentucky, and we wish to express to him our deep regret and our sincere sympathy in the sad providence that has so soon deprived him of a faithful wife and true yokefellow in the cause of God. May Christ sustain him and his children in this their hour of sorrow.

We also would extend the hand of heartfelt sympathy to our most worthy brother, B. F. Grigg, who has this year been called upon to part with two daughters, and to our beloved brother, J. N. VanNattan, who has also lost one daughter. These have exchanged this world of sorrow and uncertainty for the world of unchanging day. May the God of all comfort and hope cheer and strengthen these brethren to the end; and may we all so consider these various providences as to realize fully, continually and effectually the supreme importance of eternity and the infinite glory of the gospel. (An appropriate service was held with short addresses by R. W. Sanderson and G. W. Hood.)

IV.—ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS

All that will even need to be said on the superlative excellence of the Sunday-school has already been spoken. To pass a resolution that the Sunday-school is the most important work of the church would be highly improper after we have been affirming that for more than half a century and others have declared the same before us.

The facts are, we seem to say one thing and do another. The committee on Sunday-schools year after year read an excellent paper on the conference floor in which they declare that eighty per cent of the church members have come in through the Sunday-school, that the Sunday-school is of most vital importance because it deals with the child in the formative period of its life, that if we want to secure the future welfare of our church we must do it by means of the Sunday-school in reaching the children and youth, that the Sunday-school is a most wonderfully good institution because its text-book is the Bible; and we vote unanimously to adopt the paper, but then what? Part of us have been going back to the circuits, both preachers and lay members, to take no interest in the Sunday-school at all. In many instances we have in a

half-hearted, spiritless and wholly indifferent manner conducted Sunday-schools with the children that chanced to come and if they quit coming, we have gone on and accepted our fate as a natural consequence of the depraved nature of mankind and seemed never to have dreamed that our indifference and poor methods might have something to do with the depleted condition of our schools. While this severe criticism is fitting and true to facts in some cases, yet we are well pleased to know that all do not belong to the class referred to.

We as a conference are beginning to stir. Our people, both ministers and members, are awakening to the fact that a tremendous leak has been going on and we are not holding the youth in our schools that we should, and our preachers are willing to discuss these matters in our conventions and institutes, and our people are beginning to manifest a concern in the same. But is there not need of a mightier movement and increased activities along such lines as will cause us to arise and grapple with the problem that confronts us as a church?

The last five years have given us some increase, and we are gratified that we have advanced, though it is but little, while at the same time we are humiliated to think it is no more. Five years ago we had only three schools in the conference that had an enrolment double the membership of the church; in 1916 we had nineteen. In 1917 we report 697 more enrolled in the main school than five years ago, and including the home department and cradle roll we had 1,577 more than we had five years ago.

The time has come when we need to take aggressive, concerted action and work and pray and plan and plead until we have a mighty revival in our Sunday-school work that will not only give us every member of the church in the school and every member of the school in the church, but will reach out and push ahead until we shall spread life and fire and salvation far beyond the limits of our present church membership.

One need we will mention here in our schools is spiritual life and energy and power. Let us be spiritual leaders, spiritual teachers and spiritual scholars, and as our spiritual life revives will our Sunday-schools increase. We would urge in conclusion cooperation. Give us the pastors, the adult men and adult women intensely interested and it will not be long until young men, teenage girls, boys and girls, little children and every one will be aglow with the idea of accomplishing great things for our schools.

CENTRAL ILLINOIS CONFERENCE RECORD

Session	PLACE		TIME	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY
1	Waynesville,	Illinois	October 9, 1879	B. T. Roberts	W. W. Kelley
2	Litchfield,	"	October 13, 1880	E. P. Hart	" "
3	Jacksonville,	"	October 12, 1881	B. T. Roberts	" "
4	Cowden,	"	October 4, 1882	E. P. Hart	" "
5	Greenville,	"	October 10, 1883	B. T. Roberts	" "
6	Evansville,	Indiana	October 15, 1884	B. T. Roberts	" "
7	Mason City,	Illinois	October 14, 1885	E. P. Hart	M. H. Shepard
8	Raymond,	"	September 29, 1886	B. T. Roberts	" "
9	Irving,	"	October 5, 1887	E. P. Hart	" "
10	Ipava,	"	October 3, 1888	G. W. Coleman	W. C. Kelley
11	Cowden,	"	September 4, 1889	B. T. Roberts	" "
12	Greenville,	"	September 10, 1890	E. P. Hart	" "
13	Colchester,	"	September 23, 1891	G. W. Coleman	" "
14	Taylorville,	"	September 21, 1892	B. T. Roberts	" "
15	Coffeen,	"	September 12, 1893	E. P. Hart	" "
16	Decatur,	"	September 18, 1894	G. W. Coleman	" "
17	Litchfield,	"	September 10, 1895	B. R. Jones	" "
18	Macomb,	"	September 15, 1896	E. P. Hart	" "
19	Cowden,	"	September 14, 1897	G. W. Coleman	J. C. Sills
20	Vermont,	"	September 13, 1898	B. R. Jones	" "
21	Greenville,	"	September 14, 1899	E. P. Hart	" "
22	Colchester,	"	September 12, 1900	G. W. Coleman	" "
23	Pana,	"	September 18, 1901	W. A. Sellow	" "
24	Macomb,	"	September 10, 1902	B. R. Jones	A. L. Crumley
25	Cowden,	"	September 16, 1903	E. P. Hart	J. H. Flower
26	Lewistown,	"	September 24, 1904	W. T. Hogue	J. C. Sills
27	Litchfield,	"	September 13, 1905	E. P. Hart	" "
28	Greenville,	"	September 19, 1906	B. R. Jones	J. H. Flower
29	St. Louis,	Missouri	September 11, 1907	E. P. Hart	" "
30	Vandalia,	Illinois	September 16, 1908	J. LaDue	J. A. Williams
31	Cowden,	"	September 29, 1909	W. A. Sellow	" "
32	Decatur,	"	September 21, 1910	B. R. Jones	" "
33	Ipava,	"	September 13, 1911	William Pearce	" "
34	Tower Hill,	"	September 25, 1912	W. T. Hogue	" "
35	Greenville,	"	September 10, 1913	W. A. Sellow	" "
36	Decatur,	"	September 9, 1914	B. R. Jones	" "
37	Macomb,	"	September 15, 1915	William Pearce	" "
38	Cowden,	"	September 13, 1916	W. T. Hogue	" "
39	Hillsboro,	"	September 5, 1917	W. A. Sellow	" "

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE CENTRAL ILLINOIS CONFERENCE

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers and Evangelists	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars (Number Enrolled)	Members in Home Department	Names on Cradle Roll	Total Enrollment	General Conference (Assessed Claims)	Foreign Missions	Woman's Foreign Society	Educational Fund	Raised for Sunday School Expenses	
Greenville District	W. H. Lawson, D. E.	232	43	275	15	55	2	46	433	98	80	657	\$ 220 00	\$	\$ 478 13	\$10 00	\$ 295 76	
	G. H. Griffith, sup.	44	4	48	1	5	1	8	62	14	29	113	36 00		31 75		30 77	
	Litchfield	28		28	3	6			47		4	53	18 50	6 00			30 86	
	Bellevue and Dutch Hollow	12		12	3	6	1	8	43				15 50				21 00	
	Bellevue	16		16														
	W. H. Lawson	14		14														
	William McDonald, supply	19		19	1	2	1	13	66	6	28	113	9 60				45 28	
	Kingsport	18		18	2	1	1	7	45		52	52	16 30				12 50	
	Oak Grove	18		18	2	1	1	7	35		42	42	21 60				10 00	
	Union Grove, etc.	76		76	3	9	98	36	32	120	145	145	76 00	6 85			10 00	
	Alton	44		44	6	50	3	2	1	9	36	60	51 00	8 00			102 33	
	Birmingham and Halford Chapel	53		53	2	55	2	5	2	10	50	147	41 00	10 00			30 80	
	R. C. Nowlin	43		43	2	45	4	7	1	7	46	30	53 75	10 00			56 00	
	St. Louis	49		49	4	53	1	2	16	60	30	26	132	53 75		1 34	56 00	
	Hillsboro and Irving	108		108	10	118	5	26	2	170	10	108	108 00	52 95			156 00	
	Coffeen and Sorento																	
	Cowden District	W. D. Cochran, D. E.	82	4	86	1	7	1	17	150		167	92 80			49 11		95 46
		Yeck	26		26	2	2	1	6	75			83	27 52	16 50		13 00	12 46
		Bethany and Livingston	63		63	16	79	1	14	76			88	38 90		28 80		55 46
		Pana and Robert's Chapel	83		83	16	99	27	24	33	10	49	208	82 00	15 00		37 00	84 26
Mt. Vernon and Central		63		63	16	79	2	24	243	60	327	81 00	4 00		38 30	3 00	186 15	
W. K. McVann		90		90	3	93	3	15	17	90		107	95 60		34 00		56 73	
Bethany and St. James		47		47	3	50	6	2	10	70		82	23 50	1 25		20 35	42 35	
W. D. Cochran		34		34	2	36	1	6	2	75	23	13	110	30 00		39 21	32 00	
Stewardson and Sylvan		36		36	1	37	1	4	1	70	12	13	110	30 00		39 21	40 80	
Taylorville		93		93	10	103	3	18	3	135		159	91 00		155 61		99 63	
Tower Hill and Lakewood	15		15															
Ipava District	Shelbyville and Bethany Church																	
	Ipava	25	2	27		5	2	10	50		60	30 00			6 00	110 00	20 00	
	Coates	69	2	71	12	3	18	150		37	205	68 00			38 00	2 50	66 38	
	J. L. Mayhew	65	6	71	8	18	12	72	6	12	102	74 40	37 17	18 00			72 70	
	Antioch, Corinth and Fairfield	38	8	46	6	2	13	64		17	34 00				33 00	10 00	25 40	
	Lewistown and Freds	36		36	1	3	1	5	29		23	29 50	10 00				24 40	
	Durham and Ray	24	5	29	1	1	1	5	46	18	15	84	24 00				15 00	
	Durham and Webster	13		13														
	Bethany Church	19		19	1	4	1	5	26		31	25 20	10 00				22 70	
	Studs and Valley City	19	1	20	5	1	1	5	26		31	25 20	10 00				12 50	
Bluff District	B. F. Ray	4		4	2	1	1	6									12 50	
	Forest City and Hopedale	17		17	2	2	1	9	30		36	15 00					20 00	
	Clinton and Mason City	17	6	23	1	4	1	9	55		64	17 90					19 09 33	
Total		1715	147	1862	72	293	53	441	2892	253	403	3398	\$1704 80	\$ 278 33	\$ 1061 25	\$313 09	\$1909 33	

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE CENTRAL ILLINOIS CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

CHARGE	Raised in Sunday School for Foreign Missions	Raised for Children's Fund	Raised for General Conference S. S. Board	Raised for Annual Conference Sunday School Board	Raised in Sunday School for Other Benevolences	Total Amount Raised in Sunday School	Conference Missions	Pastors' Support	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Support	Evangelists' Support	Incidentals	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
Greenville District																
Greenville	\$113 48	\$5 00	\$2 50	\$2 50	\$56 22	\$475 46	\$44 00	\$950 00	\$120	\$25 00	\$287 98	\$564 88	1	\$5000	1	\$1500
Litchfield	3 05	2 00			3 20	33 97	3 60	356 12	72	46 00	13 70	90 96	1	1500	1	1000
Belleville and Dutch Hollow					11 20	47 11	2 80	205 00		60	33 65	110 40	1	3500		
Hedrick						21 00	1 95	201 25		60	40 00	95 25	1	800	1	1000
Dudleville													1	800	1	800
Madison		2 50			1 58	49 36		242 22	80	21 75	8 42	23 87	1	1900		
Keyesport						10 00		155 00		40 00	30 00	10 00	1	1000		
Oak Grove						80 00	15 20	502 59	60	81 45	9 00	109 35	3	3000	1	600
Zion, Union Grove, etc.					10 00	112 33	4 80	503 90		49 88		61 79	1	2000		
Alton						30 00	5 10	350 00	60	48 00	12 00	112 50	1	1800	1	800
Langham and Halford Chapel		2 50			12 80	37 16	8 20	636 00	180	67 00		316 70	1	1800	1	800
St. James		1 50			8 50	58 50	5 00	600 00	180	73 60		176 00	1	1600	1	1600
Hillshow and Irving		1 50											2	1600	1	1600
Hillshow and Irving		3 25			56 00	215 83	21 60	577 90	96	80 00	47 92	336 80	2	3200	1	800
Coffeen and Sorento																
Cowden District																
Cowden					11 00	106 00		690 00	75	160 00		75 00	1	5000	1	800
Bethany and Livingston					12 00	25 49		461 00	72	61 00		71 10	1	1000	1	1000
Pana and Robert's Chapel						55 00	8 40	517 45	144	81 12	54 25	91 00	1	2000	1	2000
Mt. Vernon and Centralia		45 60			4 00	133 86	8 10	800 00	96	82 00	104 00	780 70	2	2500	2	3500
Decatur		4 00	1 00			67 77	8 70	800 00	88			227 74	2	6500		
Laclede and St. James	11 04					42 35		480 00		107 00		275 00	2	5000	1	900
Vandalia and Grace Chapel						32 00			77	72 00	40 00	32 95	2	5000	1	900
Stewardson and Sylvan						44 40	6 00	311 60	110	51 40	16 18	202 80	2	1500	2	1500
Taylorville	1 50	2 75				104 08	15 20	638 60	72	104 70	35 00	399 90	2	2500	1	1000
Tower Hill and Lakewood													2	1800		
Shelbyville and Bethany Church																
Ipava District																
Ipava					22 50	46 90		4 00	75	835 44		60 80	1	1500	1	1000
Antioch, Corinth and Fairfield		2 50			5 56	73 18	13 60	556 12		64 00	18 52	60 80	1	1500	1	1000
Leviathan, Coates, Bagie S. H.	1 22				5 56	23 18	3 40	122 60	75	122 60	15 25	259 55	3	3000	3	3000
Leviathan and Coates					2 75	31 26	8 10	289 15	72	112 95	4 00	10 00	2	5000	1	1000
Vermont and Ray						21 40	3 40	383 65	80	76 00		186 75	2	1500	1	1000
Durham and Webster						24 00	1 90	333 00	72	60 80	6 00	69 50	2	2000	1	700
Bethany Church						15 00	4 80	450 00		64 00	38 50	75 00	1	1500		
Bluffs and Valley City													3	2000	1	1000
Bloomington						22 70		280 00	120	35 00	23 00	32 02				
Forrest City and Hopedale								302 10	150	50 85						
Clinton and Mason City						12 50	1 50	342 50	120	20 80	40 00	55 75	2	2500	2	2200
Athens		1 20				21 20	3 60	110 00	60	34 55	30 18	50 60	1	1000	1	800
Total	\$130 29	\$72 80	\$3 50	\$21 23	\$206 41	\$2343 62	\$207 65	\$14352 35	\$2538	\$2186 87	\$849 15	\$5092 66	56	\$8890	27	\$28890

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Thirty-fifth Annual Session, held
near Catchings, Mississippi, with Coloho Free
Methodist Class, September 27-29, 1917

OFFICERS

WILLIAM PEARCE, *President*

JAMES M. MANCHESTER, *Secretary*

DAVID DAY, *Treasurer*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—William Pearce, Frazar Scott, L. H. Wheeler.

On Publications—J. W. Williams, F. M. Rees.

On Reforms—N. J. Roark, H. L. Day.

On Charities—David Day, W. A. Johnson.

To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—Elias Paul.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—F. M. Rees, J. E. Weeks.

On Complimentary Resolutions—Frazar Scott, W. A. Johnson.

On Sabbath Observance—J. W. Williams, Mrs. M. M. Dukes.

On State of the Work—David Day, N. J. Roark.

To Sell Wesson, McHenry and Hazelhurst Church Property—Frazar Scott.

On Claimants and Claims—David Day, Frazar Scott, L. H. Wheeler.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

David Day, Frazar Scott.

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTIC BOARD

David Day, president; J. M. Manchester, treasurer; L. H. Wheeler, secretary;
Frazar Scott, Elias Paul.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

David Day, president; James M. Manchester, secretary; N. J. Roark, J. E.
Weeks, F. M. Rees, treasurer.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

\$1.20, to be taken during first quarter.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in
this conference?

PREACHERS

N. J. Roark,
James M. Manchester,

David Day,
J. W. Williams.

Frazar Scott,

DELEGATES

H. L. Day,
J. E. Weeks,
L. H. Wheeler.

W. A. Johnson,
Mrs. Maud Dukes,

Elias Paul,
F. M. Rees,

2. Who are the stationing committee? William Pearce, Frazar Scott,
L. H. Wheeler.

4. Who remain on trial? Ralph Milk, D. W. Stephens, T. H. Price, M. N.
Ezell, Mrs. Estella Reeves.

6. Who are the deacons? J. W. Williams.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.
 15-20. See statistical report.
 23. See treasurer's report.
 24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.
 25. Where and when shall the next session be held? Olla, Louisiana, with Little Chickasaw class, as near the first Sunday in October as well suit the plan of the bishops.

MISCELLANEOUS

The people and pilgrims of Catchings entertained the conference in a very generous way. Bishop Pearce presided with characteristic fairness and his kindness was without any fluctuation. His sermons were favorably received. The deficit in the conference was easily raised. The assessment for home missions is 15 cents per member.

Requests from General Mission Board were as follows: For district elder of Mississippi and Alabama work, \$50; for the district elder of the Louisiana work, \$25.

TREASURER'S REPORT

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS—Assessed and paid, \$125.00.
 BISHOPS' SALARIES—Assessed and paid, \$45.00.
 GENERAL MISSIONS—Assessed and paid, \$37.50.
 CHURCH EXTENSION—Assessed and paid, \$25.00.
 GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES—Assessed and paid, \$12.50.
 GENERAL CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT—Assessed and paid, \$5.00.
 PERMANENT FUND—Assessed and paid, \$12.50.
 FOREIGN MISSIONS W. F. M. S.—\$30.00.
 TOTAL—\$292.50.

APPOINTMENTS

LOUISIANA DISTRICT—DAVID DAY, District Elder, Gilbert, Louisiana
 Franklin Circuit.....J. W. Williams, Winnsboro, Louisiana
 Big Island.....To be supplied
 Summerville, Chickasaw and Antioch.....N. J. Roark, Aimwell, Louisiana
E. T. Chapman, supply
 Holm.....W. P. Cupples, supply, Olla, Louisiana
 Black River.....M. N. Ezell, Gilbert, "
 D. W. Stephens, Mrs. E. E. Reeves, supernumerary; James M. Manchester, evangelist, Summerville, Louisiana.

NORTH MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT—FRAZAR SCOTT, District Elder,
 Catchings, Mississippi
 Tutwiler, Freeman and Roundaway.....
D. P. Boykins, supply, Catchings, Mississippi
 Catchings and Boyles.....T. H. Price, Catchings, "
 A. Himes, discontinued, membership at Tutwiler; Frazar Scott, membership in North Mississippi district.

MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT—FRAZAR SCOTT, District Elder
 Bethel.....D. M. Dukes, supply, Adell, Mississippi
 New Hope and Gallman.....J. T. Allen, supply, New Hebron, "
 Wesson, Hazelhurst and McHenry.....To be supplied

ALABAMA DISTRICT—FRAZAR SCOTT, District Elder
 Grand Bay and Deer Park.....Ralph Milk, Grand Bay, Alabama

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers and Evangelists	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars (Number Enrolled)	Members in Home Department	Names on Cradle Roll	Total Enrollment	General Conference (Assessed) (Claims) Total Only	Foreign Missions	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Educational Fund	Raised for Sunday School Expenses
Louisiana District	David Day, D. E.																
Franklin Circuit	David Day	26	5	31	2	7	3	12	75	...	...	87	\$ 30 45	\$	\$	\$	\$ 16 00
Summerville and Antioch	W. P. Cuples, Mrs. E. Reeves, supplies	64	3	67	3	10	3	12	110	...	...	122	54 60	...	...	...	20 00
Big Island Circuit	James M. Manchester	24	1	25	..	3	2	11	50	...	...	61	19 95	...	30 00	...	12 00
Black River Circuit	M. N. Ezell	20	1	21	1	8	1	3	30	...	...	33	36 45	...	...	...	10 00
North Mississippi District	Frazar Scott, D. E.																
Tutwiler, Boyles and Fellman ..	T. H. Price	21	3	24	2	2	1	5	30	...	...	35	8 40	...	...	...	15 00
Delta City	Frazar Scott	13	...	13	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	10 50	...	...	...	...
Mississippi District	Frazar Scott, D. E.																
Bethel	Frazar Scott	21	...	21	2	1	1	5	20	...	...	25	16 80	...	...	...	10 00
New Hope and Gallman	D. M. Dukes	10	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Alabama District	Frazar Scott, D. E.																
Deer Park and Grand Bay	Ralph Mtlk	25	...	25	...	5	1	6	30	...	...	36	19 95	...	...	...	15 00
Total .....	...	224	13	237	11	36	12	54	345	...	...	399	\$ 197 10	\$	\$ 30 00	\$	\$ 98 00

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

CHARGE	Raised in Sunday School for Foreign Missions	Raised for Children's Fund	Raised for General Conference S. S. Board	Raised for Annual Conference Sunday School Board	Raised in Sunday School for All Other Benevolences	Total Amount Raised in Sunday School	Conference Missions	Pastors' Support	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Support	Evangelists' Support	Incidentals	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
Louisiana District																
Franklin Circuit	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 16 00	\$	\$ 35 00	\$	\$ 54 00	\$ 80 00	\$	1	\$ 1000 ..	1	\$
Summerville and Antioch	20 00	..	154 00	..	66 00	80 00	..	..	400 ..	..	260 ..
Big Island Circuit	12 00	..	168 00	..	24 05	..	..	..	250 ..	..	..
Black River Circuit	10 00	..	38 00	..	15 00	..	..	1	350 ..	..	..
North Mississippi District																
Tutwiler, Boyles and Fellman	15 00	..	150 00	..	49 00	93 00	..	..	..	..	..
Delta City	38 00	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Mississippi District																
Bethel	10 00	..	27 65	..	14 35	..	..	1	500 ..	..	..
New Hope and Gailman
Alabama District																
Deer Park and Grand Bay	15 00	..	169 70	..	44 30	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 98 00	\$	\$ 780 35	\$	\$ 206 70	\$ 253 00	\$	7	\$ 2510 ..	1	\$ 260 ..

OIL CITY CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Nineteenth Annual Session, held
at Clarion, Pennsylvania, September 26-30, 1917

OFFICERS

W. T. HOGUE, *President*
G. J. KELLY, *Secretary* A. J. BEATTIE, G. S. BRYAN, *Assistant Secretaries*
H. D. CALL, F. A. PARKER, *Statistical Secretaries*
M. B. MILLER, *Treasurer*

COMMITTEES

- On Nominations*—M. B. Miller, R. F. Leight, A. J. Hill, Charles W. Cowan, S. H. Sheffer.
On Public Worship—W. T. Hogue, W. J. Barkas, W. E. McFadden, C. A. Van Valin, A. A. McLean.
On Street Meetings—L. S. Hoover, M. E. Wolcott, C. J. Edwards, D. B. Thomas, A. T. Irwin.
On Aggressive Evangelism—C. E. Weaver, L. L. Adams, A. Smith, A. M. Brown, O. Bell.
On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.
To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—H. M. Hepler.
To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—A. H. M. Zahniser, A. G. Crill, G. S. Bryan, F. L. Hall, J. J. Ginader, E. Butterworth.
To Examine Titles to Church and Parsonage Property—M. B. Miller, J. M. Critchlow, Charles W. Cowan.
To Audit the Treasurer's Accounts—A. J. Beattie.
On Conference Missions—The stationing committee.
On Sunday-schools—W. E. Smith, John MacDonald, Olive Neely, Clara Webster, Mary Maitland, William Reichard.
On State of the Work—E. L. Monroe, F. W. McClelland, E. L. Kiffer, J. E. Terwilliger, J. L. Searfoss.
On Reforms—J. J. Ginader, F. N. Fox, J. F. Barkas, Lynn Kerr.
On Publications—William Bryenton, T. S. Slocum, R. F. Leight, Nelson Teft, M. Adams.
On Education—R. R. Blews, F. W. McClelland, H. W. Mitchell, Emma Monroe, Etta McIntire.
On Charities—J. M. Critchlow, June B. Horning, G. B. Tingue, Emma Krantz, Anna Crill.
On Press Correspondence—A. H. M. Zahniser.
On Complimentary Resolutions—H. N. Hepler, C. O. Whitford, H. D. Call, Oscar Horner, M. A. Hartman, Mary Harris.
On Ministerial Support—A. T. Irvin, John Shunk, J. C. Swift, William Reichard, D. B. Thomas, P. C. Jones, John Walker, Linn Mitchell.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

M. B. Miller, president and treasurer; A. J. Hill, F. N. Fox, W. D. Brodhead, secretary; G. P. Lindsey.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

- First quarter, General Missions (15 cents), Church Extension (10 cents); second quarter, Superannuate Claim (50 cents); third quarter, Bishops' Salaries (18 cents); fourth quarter, Conference Missions (15 cents), Permanent Fund (5 cents), General Conference Entertainment (2 cents), General Conference Delegates' Expenses (5 cents), Annual Conference Entertainment (5 cents).

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Claimants and Claims—W. T. Hogue, M. B. Miller, A. J. Hill, S. H. Sheffer, Charles W. Cowan,
On Reforms—F. A. Parker,
On Education—W. J. Barkas,
On State of the Work—A. J. Hill,
On Charities—H. N. Hepler,
On Publications—A. J. Beattie,
On Sabbath-schools—June B. Horning.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Mrs. Della Kelly, president, Bradford, Pennsylvania; Mrs. Estella Kiffer, first vice-president, Eldred, Pennsylvania; Mrs. Lena D. Barkas, second vice-president, Titusville, Pennsylvania; Mrs. Bertha Newton Zahniser, recording secretary, Ellwood City, Pennsylvania; Mrs. Margaret D. Call, corresponding secretary, Oil City, Pennsylvania; Miss June B. Horning, treasurer, 172 Marshall street, Conneaut, Ohio; Miss Merrill Jacobs, superintendent of Junior work, Seneca, Pennsylvania.

CUSTODIAN OF DEEDS

M. B. Miller.

ON MINISTERIAL RELATIONS

William Bryenton, F. N. Fox, R. F. Leight, J. F. Barkas, Charles W. Cowan, D. B. Thomas, S. H. Sheffer, Linn Kerr.

ON STATE OF OUR COUNTRY

E. Blews, R. McGarvey, G. S. Bryan, F. W. Parks, F. A. Parker, B. P. Hogan, P. S. Jones, C. A. VanValin.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

M. B. Miller, president; A. J. Hill, secretary; C. E. Weaver, treasurer; E. Blews, William Bryenton.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

J. F. Collins, president, time expires 1922; A. H. M. Zahniser, secretary, time expires 1920; H. D. Call, time expires 1918; J. M. Critchlow, time expires 1919; C. E. Weaver, time expires 1921.

ADDRESSES

W. T. Hogue, president, R. R. 2, Michigan City, Indiana; G. J. Kelly, secretary, Bradford, Pennsylvania; Mendal B. Miller, treasurer, 1119 Elk street, Franklin, Pennsylvania; W. E. Smith, Sunday-school secretary of Bradford, Tyrone and DuBois districts, Duke Center, Pennsylvania; June B. Horning, Sunday-school secretary of Oil City, Erie and New Castle districts, 172 Marshall street, Conneaut, Ohio.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

M. B. Miller,	J. S. MacGeary,	J. M. Critchlow,
J. J. Zahniser,	A. Smith.	C. E. Weaver,
E. Blews,	E. L. Kiffer,	A. J. Hill,
R. McGarvey,	J. N. Bennett,	J. J. Ginader,
A. H. M. Zahniser,	F. N. Fox,	W. J. Barkas,
F. W. McClelland,	M. E. Wolcott,	J. F. Collins,
E. S. Zahniser,	G. S. Bryan,	H. W. Mitchell,
W. E. Smith,	G. J. Kelly,	R. F. Leight,
T. S. Slocum,	E. L. Monroe,	J. C. Davidson,

PREACHERS—Continued

J. F. Barkas,	William Bryenton,	G. A. Garrett,
H. D. Call,	F. W. Parks,	W. Gearhart,
A. J. Beattie,	L. L. Adams,	E. A. Archer,
A. G. Crill,	A. J. Horner,	H. N. Hepler,
W. O. Webster,	Levi Ecker,	G. B. Tingue,
C. J. Edwards,	F. A. Reese,	L. S. Hoover,
John MacDonald,	C. O. Whitford,	R. R. Blews,
B. P. Hogan,	F. A. Parker,	Edwin Butterworth,
F. L. Hall,	June B. Horning,	J. P. Brodhead,
Fred Smith,	William Newkirk.	

DELEGATES

Oscar Horner,	M. A. Hartman,	Anna Crill,
William Reichard,	Emma Krantz,	A. T. Irwin,
Della Jury,	Emma Monroe,	Etta McIntire,
Martin Brown,	J. C. Swift,	Nelson Teft,
Ethel McCleary,	Jennie Young,	John Walker,
Linn Mitchell,	John Shunk,	Lenn Kerr,
O. Bell,	A. A. McLean,	Mathias Adams,
Laura Elsloger,	Mary Harris,	J. L. Searfoss,
Olive Neely,	Joseph Terwilliger,	S. H. Sheffer,
C. A. Argue,	P. C. Jones,	Helen Critchlow,
D. B. Thomas,	Charles W. Cowan,	Clara Webster,
Mary Maitland,	Charles Smith,	Minnie Carlson,
Orphia Hicks,	H. T. Steele,	Eugene Vibberts,
Leroy Rennells,	Maud Nickerson,	R. U. Wallace,
Isaac Bundy,	Sadie Marsh,	Lizzie McGee,
Susie Wheaton,	C. A. VanValin.	

2. Who are the stationing committee? W. T. Hogue, M. B. Miller, A. J. Hill, W. J. Barkas, E. L. Monroe, S. H. Sheffer, Charles W. Cowan, A. A. McLean, C. A. VanValin.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? H. W. Haskins, L. J. Lindsey, B. J. Hall, A. C. Hall, D. A. Davidson, George A. McCleary.

4. Who remain on trial? Samuel Stimer, P. S. Barnes, B. H. Edwards, J. E. Kiffer, G. W. Hill, W. M. Aiken, R. B. Brewster.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? Fred Smith.

6. Who are the deacons? E. L. Kiffer, W. E. Smith, F. W. Parks, A. G. Crill, A. J. Horner, W. O. Webster, C. J. Edwards, Edwin Butterworth, William Newkirk, June B. Horning, Fred Smith.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? Charles O. Whitford, Bertice P. Hogan, Frederic A. Parker, John MacDonald.

8. Who have located this year? None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? J. N. Bennett, J. E. Kiffer.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? A. Smith, R. McGarvey, A. J. Horner, E. L. Kiffer.

11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? None.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? I. B. Hawks, under censure.

13. Who have been given a certificate of standing in view of transfer? J. J. Zahniser, E. S. Zahniser, John MacDonald, B. H. Edwards.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed, excepting I. B. Hawks.

15. Who have died this year? None.

16-23. See statistical report.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where and when shall the next conference be held? At Arlington avenue, New Castle, Pennsylvania, as near the fourth Wednesday in September, 1918, as suits the plans of the bishop.

APPOINTMENTS

OIL CITY DISTRICT—MENDAL B. MILLER, District Elder, 1119 Elk street, Franklin, Pennsylvania

Oil City, First Church.....	E. L. Monroe
Oil City, Second Church....	H. D. Call, 21 Plum street, Oil City, Pennsylvania
Franklin and Maple Dale.....	F. N. Fox, May B. Fox, supply, 1218 Buffalo street, Franklin,
Titusville, Jamison and Hamilton.....	W. J. Barkas, J. M. Critchlow, Titusville,
Tionesta and Newmansville.....	L. S. Hoover, Tionesta,
Tidioute and Hickory.....	G. S. Bryan, Tidioute,
Youngsville and Sugar Grove.....	Fred Smith, Della Smith, supply, Youngsville,
Pleasantville, Enterprise and Stewart's Run.....	B. P. Hogan, Pleasantville,
Weaver Circuit.....	William Gearhart, R. F. D., Van,
Mayburg Circuit.....	M. E. Wolcott, Mayburg,
Barnes and Saybrook.....	F. A. Parker, Sheffield,
Warren.....	E. Blews, Warren,
Seneca.....	L. J. Lindsey, Raymeltou,

E. S. Zahniser, granted a certificate of standing with view to transfer; A. J. Horner, Youngsville, Pennsylvania, R. McGarvey, Youngstown, Ohio, E. L. Kiffer, Endeavor, Pennsylvania, superannuated; J. E. Kiffer, Whig Hill, Pennsylvania, supernumerary; J. P. Brodhead, teacher in Greenville College, Greenville, Illinois.

ERIE DISTRICT—ALFRED J. HILL, District Elder, 111 Pearl street, Bradford, Pennsylvania

Erie and East Side.....	William Bryenton, 123 W. 17th street, Erie, Pennsylvania
North East.....	A. C. Hall, North East,
Conneaut and Kingsville.....	June B. Horning, 306 Broad street, Conneaut, Ohio
Union City and Corry.....	G. W. Hill, Union City, Pennsylvania
Meadville.....	F. W. McClelland, Meadville,
Randolph.....	To be supplied
Centerville, Tryonville and Drake Hill.....	G. A. McCleary
Girard and Branchville.....	B. J. Hall, Girard, Pennsylvania

J. N. Bennett, supernumerary; John MacDonald, granted a certificate of standing in view of transfer.

NEW CASTLE DISTRICT—ALFRED J. HILL, District Elder

New Castle, Arlington Avenue.....	F. L. Hall, 765 Arlington avenue, New Castle, Pennsylvania
New Castle, Dewey Avenue.....	F. A. Reese, 1105 Dewey avenue, New Castle,
Ellwood City and Keeley.....	A. H. M. Zahniser, Ellwood City,
Coal Town.....	R. B. Brewster, R. F. D. 5, New Castle,
Bruin and Argentine.....	Samuel Stimer, Bruin,
Mercer, Prospect and Bethel.....	J. J. Ginader, Mercer,
Sharon.....	A. J. Beattie, Rex street, Sharon,
Sharpsville.....	To be supplied

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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON THE STATE OF OUR COUNTRY

One hundred forty-one years have passed away since the Declaration of Independence, when the colonies threw off the yoke of a foreign despot and

became a free and independent state. Many and varied have been the vicissitudes through which our nation has passed since old Liberty Bell sang out the anthem of freedom, "proclaiming liberty to the captives."

First there was the internequine strifes that convulsed the infant nation as she passed through the formative period of her history into the solidarity of a free republic.

Then there was the conflict with Tripolitan pirates, the Indian wars, the war of 1812, the Mexican war in the forties, and the war of the rebellion in 1861-5. Then in 1898 came the conflict with Spain. In all of these conflicts our nation was victorious.

But war is a costly business both in blood and treasure, and has drawn heavily upon our national resources in the past, and that represents the price paid for our precious liberties. At the birth of our nation we numbered only about 3,000,000 souls, but with the lapse of years the population has multiplied thirty-five fold. Thus in the kindly providence of Almighty God a weak and struggling nation in less than a century and a half has developed into the mightiest and wealthiest nation on the globe. Surely "God hath not dealt so with any nation." We are a peace-loving people and have always been slow to go to war, we have never unsheathed the sword for territorial acquisition or national aggrandizement but always in the cause of humanity, and in the defense of the helpless and downtrodden.

But alas, once more the war clouds darken our fair land, and once more we are called upon to lay upon the altar of liberty as a sacrifice our most precious possessions, our fathers, our brothers, our sons, thus casting the pall of darkness over multiplied homes and rendering desolate hundreds of thousands of hearts. The tremendous cost in treasure necessary to our participation in this awful strife is inconceivable, running far up into the billions of dollars. We have drawn the sword against the mightiest military combination the world has ever known, a combination as cruel and barbarous as it is colossal, utterly regardless of international usages or the inherent rights of humanity, as ambitious of world dominion as Caesar, Alexander or Napoleon, as barbarous as Attila, the Hun. This unscrupulous and treacherous foe has built up a system of espionage in our land that is unparalleled in history, lavishly spending money in the interest of their infamous propaganda, making use of a disloyal element in our midst who masquerade in the garb of citizenship, "giving aid and comfort to the enemy," thus making it extremely difficult to prosecute the war. Surely these are days that try men's souls, and the question awaiting our answer is, What is our duty as a church?

First, our position must be one of unflinching loyalty to our country's flag. Never in the history of our nation has our president been confronted with a graver situation, or burdened with greater responsibilities. Therefore, recognizing the gravity of the situation and the great burdens that rest upon him, we yield him the sincere sympathy and undivided allegiance that is his due from all loyal citizens.

As Christians, we deprecate the unholy territorial and commercial rivalries that by their ambitious policies of unrighteous aggrandizement necessitate on the part of the nations the maintenance of colossal military and naval establishments. We express our confidence in the sincerity of the motives actuating President Wilson in his methods or policy in the prosecution of the war, and pledge ourselves to cooperate with him as far as in us lies in the accomplishment of the great end in view. While we as a conference express our confidence in the sincerity of motive and integrity of purpose on the part of our president, we deeply regret that while congress has vested in him the authority to abolish the liquor traffic as a war measure, such abolition to be effective during the period of the war, that thus far he has not asserted his prerogative in regard to this vital matter. We consider this iniquitous business the enemy of efficiency and progress which must of necessity constitute a serious menace to the prosecution of the war, and we trust that he will yet see his way clear to adopt such a course.

We recognize the vanity of trusting alone in the arm of flesh, and it is our

best judgment that the times call for a national repentance and a universal returning to God. We believe that the unhappy lot of the nations now involved in this bloody strife is largely due to their rejection of our Lord Jesus Christ and the subordination of the claims of the gospel to the exigencies of a wholly secular social order.

Hence, we believe that no permanently satisfactory solution of the pressing problems of these times can be secured save in contrition for past guilt and a present and future conformity to the spiritual and ethical requirements of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

As we contemplate on the great sins of Old Europe, and behold her drinking to the dregs the cup of the divine indignation, we must not forget that we as a nation are not guiltless before God and we deplore the fact that in this awful crisis there seems to be so little disposition on the part of our nation to humble itself in the presence of the infinite One and turn away from its iniquities.

We are the recipients of great light and privileges, which makes our transgressions the more heinous. As a nation we should cry mightily to Jehovah in true contrition of spirit, if haply He may turn away His wrath from us, and thus prevent the fearful judgments falling upon our beloved land that have already fallen upon the unhappy nation of Europe.

II.—ON THE STATE OF THE WORK

The nineteenth annual session of the Oil City conference of the Free Methodist church is completing the history that she has made during the conference year 1916 and 1917. The nature and quality of the history that has been made during the year that is now closing has depended very largely upon the natural and acquired ability, the Christian character and activity of those who have had part in its making. Whether consciously or unconsciously, each individual member of the conference and of the church within her pale has had his daily actions written by the hand of Omnipotence, never to be effaced. "Then they that feared the Lord spake often to one another: and the Lord hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before Him for them that feared the Lord and thought upon His name."

The God of providential care and spiritual oversight has been most graciously brooding over the conference during the past year. His kind remembrance of us has been manifested by His not permitting the strong and unyielding hand of death to take any from our number. Among the laity of the church, within the conference, this unrelenting enemy, death, has made inroads and taken from the church militant a number of our people to the church triumphant. This, on the one hand, causes sorrow and sadness as we miss their presence and inspiration in the social and local means of grace, and at our general gatherings; on the other hand, their lives of Christian victory and their last testimonies give us great reason for rejoicing. "For me to live is Christ, but to die is gain," said the great apostle. And so we, your committee, feel that we, as a conference and church, should unitedly bow in humble submission to the God of infinite wisdom and supreme goodness. "In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly."

God has, true to Himself, visited the conference during the year with a revival spirit. Quite a number have sought and found pardon from their sins, others have entered into the rich experience of heart purity and have received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, while some have united with the church. This is a great means of encouragement to us to keep our Christ prominently before the people as the tried and sure cure for all sins, committed and inherited. We feel like rendering thanks to almighty God that the blood of His Son, Jesus Christ our Savior, is still efficacious for all sin.

The district quarterly meetings of the conference year have been seasons of preciousness in the presence of the Lord of hosts. The visitation of the Holy Spirit has made them times of spiritual uplift and refreshing. The divine anointing has fallen upon the saints, giving increase of faith, zeal, and in-

spiration to contend more fully "for the faith once delivered to the saints." They have been times of fruitfulness to the cause of Christ's kingdom and the salvation of men.

From the camp meetings encouraging reports have been received. The number of tents at these annual meetings has been larger than of recent years. This gives faith to contend for their continuance. They were proven to be a great benediction to the Free Methodist church in her early history, and are in these days, and your committee believe that they shall continue to be a blessing. We must keep them alive to conserve and advance the interests and work of the Lord in the church, numerically and spiritually. How often do we listen to the testimonies of those who have received definite help spiritually at some of our camp meetings.

Truly the general gatherings of the Oil City conference have been a great blessing in the advancement of the kingdom of Christ. Not only to the Free Methodist church have they been a blessing, but of many outside her connection the same may be truthfully said. Those who habitually attend these gatherings return to their homes and circuits filled with renewed and increased courage, inspired with holy zeal and grace to hold the standard of the Christian religion higher as taught in the New Testament. Scriptures and made clear in the Free Methodist Book of Discipline. It is a noticeable fact that the circuits whose pastors and people attend these gatherings are the circuits on which the interests of Christ's kingdom and those of the Free Methodist church are the most prosperous, financially, numerically and spiritually. There is an apparent laxness on the part of some of our ministers and people in attending these gatherings. It ought not so to be. In our earlier history the cross came in not being able to attend them. These associations keep our salvation on the keen edge. "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as you see the day approaching."

Financially the Oil City conference is more prosperous than she has been in her past history. Many of the circuits of the conference are paying their ministers a larger salary than in former years. This is very necessary, because of "the high cost of living." Even in these times of plentifulness of money some of our preachers have to let the work of the Lord suffer and turn aside to manual labor to provide for the necessities of the family and of the home. Your committee believe that the Oil City conference of the Free Methodist church has as loyal and consecrated a membership as may be found in any church, but if systematic, Scriptural tithing were more fully practised among us, our treasury would be better filled and the work of the Lord would suffer less for lack of means to carry it forward.

Your committee believe that the Oil City conference has a ministry as loyal to the cause of God and the issues of the church as may be found in any conference of the connection, but there is a growing tendency prevalent among us not to be as aggressive in pushing into new fields, in opening up of new work and in forming new societies as there was in our earlier history. The spirit of aggressiveness that was the primary agency of the origination of the Oil City conference and that has been the cause of her growth must be maintained if she shall continue to grow. Brethren of the ministry, let us become real missionaries and go out and evangelize the nations about us. There are plenty of openings in which to spread Scriptural holiness and form Free Methodist societies.

The Oil City conference is not suffering so much from lack of efficiency in preaching as from the lack of real pastoral work to be done by her ministry. The one almost continuous cry coming from many of the circuits is that our minister preaches well but he does not do much calling. Discipline, page 81, paragraph 142, "And what avails public preaching alone, though we could preach like angels? We must, yea, every traveling preacher must, instruct the people from house to house." This is the one indispensable way of properly caring for the Lord's work on the circuit. The minister who will do successful pastoral visiting will be well on the way to success as a preacher. If it is a

source of great trial for us to do this important work, let us at once take up our cross and move on in the way of successfulness.

The departure from the simplicity of plainness of dress is an encroachment of worldliness within our ranks. In some of the societies of the conference it is more prevalent than in others. This, apparently, is more common among the sisters. There is an occasional departure among the brethren. "We insist on the rules concerning dress. This is no time to give encouragement to superfluity of apparel" (Discipline, paragraph 71). In each and every case its tendency is to weaken the faith of some onlookers, who lose confidence in their being suitable exponents of "Scriptural holiness." "Nevertheless, whereto we have attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing."

Holy living will bless the work of the Lord in the Free Methodist church as nothing else can. We do not have reference to legal, judicial, theoretical, theological holiness alone, but evangelical, experimental and Scriptural holiness, which has its center and place of living in the moral and spiritual nature. Ever filling the heart with all of "the fruit of the Spirit, love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance." What a constellation! Where these flavorings of the spiritual nature live and control, a holy fragrance will ever rise, shedding its influence which will be convincing of the reality of the holiness professed. Your committee believe that this will give to the Lord's work, in the Oil City conference, the greatest possible impetus. Shall we not strive more fully for this holy living?

Your committee believe that the godly men who had to do with the organization of the Free Methodist church had the mind of the Lord in their great undertaking. Her Scriptural doctrine and her form of church government have proven to be a great blessing to the religious world in the building up of Christ's kingdom among men. If we shall continue as a unit for her issues, success is sure to follow, but if we shall become divided, weakness, wreck and ruin shall follow our trail, and others will reap our spoils. So, let us agree to disagree, and stand united, and make her front ranks solid and impregnable from all assaults of her enemies. We all say, Amen! "Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

III.—ON EDUCATION

Long experience in the history of education has conclusively demonstrated that learning in itself does not produce virtue. There is no more destructive force among men than knowledge when turned into wrong channels. The educated derelict is by far the most dangerous delinquent in the social order. Expanding life must be taught the principles of right living, the same as the principles of mathematics. Cicero grasped this idea centuries ago when he said, "It should not be claimed that there is no art or science of training up to virtue. How absurd it is to believe that even the most trifling employment has its rules and methods, and at the same time that the highest of all departments of human effort—virtue—can be mastered without instruction and without practise."

The history of mankind clearly shows that the religious instinct is universal and fundamental throughout the human race. That this element should be disregarded in the process of education is both unnatural and absurd. Consequently any system of education which does not lead the speaker after knowledge back to the source of knowledge; which does not inspire reverence for God; which does not inculcate a love of virtue and righteousness, is unsymmetrical and abnormal. The very structure of man is proof that the development of mind and conscience should go hand in hand.

The ancients understood this natural relationship and joined religion and education together. Among the Jews education was an integral part of their religion. In fact, their education and their religion were one. The priest was the teacher, the synagogue was the schoolhouse. Morality and civil polity, law and social practise were deductions from the divine law. The distinction between sacred and secular, from which modern civilization is suffering, did not

exist. This is the abomination with which we are cursed to-day. Beginning with the education of the tender child and continuing through all the phases of adult life, a wall has been erected between the so-called sacred and secular. As a result, all life has been secularized and divorced from the sacred, and even from the ethical. Religion has thus come to be looked upon as we consider our best clothes—to be put on for the Sabbath and to be laid aside for the rest of the week.

Child life to the Jew was something peculiarly holy, and the duty of filling it with thoughts of God was one of their most sacred obligations; hence, the religious care devoted to education. The grand object of the teacher was moral as well as intellectual training. Alas! how far have we in Christian America departed from the ancient landmarks in education. We are not only negative in moral training but we are positive along lines which weaken the moral fiber of the young. Through the influence of the Roman Catholics we have, in many states, cast the Bible out of the public schools. It is almost unbelievable that in many states we have legally made it a criminal offense to read the Bible in the public schools. That the Book of Life can not be read to our school children is a sin against God and an offense to the true followers of Christ; and we, as Free Methodists, ought to take steps to join with other Protestant churches to bring such a shameful state of affairs to an end. As the moral element of education has practically become extinct a flood of worldliness has, as a logical result, swept in, until the dance, the despoiler of virtue, has become an established institution, and in many high schools has been placed in the curriculum of studies.

The existence of such an order of things is the conclusive argument in favor of our own denominational schools. The blessing of the Lord has, in an unusual degree, been upon Evansville Junior College, where I am at present laboring. A splendid new building worth between twenty and twenty-five thousand dollars has been added to its equipment and a high degree of both spiritual and intellectual life is maintained. But it is about Chili that mention should be made in particular. It is worthy of support not only on account of its being the oldest of our schools established by the founder of the church, but also because of its proximity to Pennsylvania. It is to be hoped that a closer relationship may be established between New York state and Pennsylvania, both in patronizing the Chesbrough Seminary and in sharing the responsibility of solving its problems and directing its policy.

IV.—ON SABBATH-SCHOOLS

We believe that the Sabbath-school is one of the most important institutions of the Free Methodist church, and we render our thanks to God for it and pray that He may water this vine of His own planting until it brings forth abundantly. But, with all our thankfulness, we feel that there are great causes for humiliation. It is to some of these we wish to call attention.

Many of the pastors on the various circuits do not realize their duty in connection with the Sabbath-school. While, possibly, they attend the regular session of the school, they do not take the responsibility of having the oversight of the schools on their circuits, and, consequently, they do not know the needs of the school, nor if the schools are serving the purpose of getting the children converted.

As the Sabbath-school is the only organization in our church for the training and conversion of the children, and since it is with us to stay, we feel that the revival fire should burn there continually; but this is far from being the case. We note, from reports given, that only a very small percent of the scholars under twenty-five years of age are converted, and only a very few of the schools make any especial efforts through the year for the conversion of their scholars. This ought not so to be.

We notice a disposition on the part of some of our pastors to neglect the rules as laid down in the Discipline for the governing of Sabbath-schools, pages

146 to 150, namely, special days, and reports to quarterly conferences, conference Sunday-school secretaries and annual conferences. As a result of this only a small amount of money is raised each year for the children's fund, many schools not observing children's day.

Only about one-half of the schools make any report to the conference Sunday-school secretaries and what are sent in many times are not accurate. May we not expect a reform along this line?

We believe that because of neglect of discipline and a failure to realize the importance of Sabbath-school work, only a very few of the children are being saved and added to the church. As a result, some of our societies are gradually becoming extinct, and we are losing the children reared in Free Methodist homes.

The time was when we went into new territory and built up a work by getting the older people converted, but now as we are occupying this territory, our only hope to keep ourselves in existence is to get our own boys and girls saved and into the church. If we do not do this, how can we be justified in offering what we have to others?

We would call attention to the failure of many Sunday-schools to properly organize the various departments that our General Sunday-school Board has thought wise to place as a standard for our schools to follow. Especially among these we would note the teacher training course, which we believe would be a means of better fitting our present and future teachers to make their work effective if they would but complete this course. Perhaps this lack of organization is because some among us fear we may get too much machinery. This would be true if our power were limited, but when God is the source of all our power, and there is no limit to His power to help us, need we fear to launch out into other things that will in the end prove a help to us so long as we keep in the will of God and lay hold upon Him for power to help?

If our Sunday-school system is to be a conservator of Free Methodism we must give immediate and effective attention to reform in the following matters:

First. Using of nondescript song-books instead of Free Methodist hymnals. If we do not care what doctrines are imbibed by our children in these days of revamped antinomianism and popular delusions, then, of course, use any fifteen-cent book that may be gotten up to increase publishers' revenues; but if we are awake to the tremendous influence of singing in the work of character formation, we will be at least as much exercised concerning the matter and manner of our singing as we are with regard to the mechanical part of the business. We believe that the benefits resulting from use of the Free Methodist Hymnal in the Sunday-school will justify any added expense and demonstrate the wisdom of its compilers. We resolve that the Sunday-schools in this conference shall use the hymn and song-books that are published by the Free Methodist Publishing House.

Second. Employment of worldly appearing people to teach in Sunday-schools. If God does not provide adequate numbers of spiritual teachers for the number of classes, then it were vastly better to decrease the number of classes than to place our children in the hands of blind leaders. We resolve that only those who show the fruit of the Spirit shall teach in our Sunday-schools.

Third. The introduction of worldly devices to increase interest in the Sunday-school. We are sure that interest in spiritual life must be diminished by picnics and entertainments under whatever auspices, and resolve that, rather than to such means, we will have recourse to prevailing prayer.

V.—ON CHARITIES

Heathendom knows no charities. Pagan civilization knows no charity, except as she is moved upon by contiguous Christianity. Even the Mosaic economy gives little evidence of what a warm-hearted, inspired Christian would rightfully term charity. Charity was born on earth when God gave His only

begotten Son to save the world. Such an impress has He made upon the mind and thought of the world that the danger obtains of men surrendered and saved by Him making much demonstration in charities as a sop to the Lord and a conscious opiate for themselves. One of the stanchest and most reliable evidences of true spirituality, however, is charity, and in its deepest meaning is the crowning grace of the Christian. Accepting this fact, it becomes a Methodist to establish and maintain such a business system of all God puts him in charge of, whether much or little, that he will be most easily provoked to works and distribution of charity as God may enable him.

We do not care what method or system may be individually adopted, but something already tried and proven or some new system equally good must be inaugurated. Personally, for a working basis after many years' careful operation, we unhesitatingly recommend the tithing system, with "Wave" offerings, "Peace" offerings and "Heave" offerings added. As to the allocation of our charities when we have as above aggregated the same, there is for us as a people probably no better rule than that laid down in our Discipline, and for our conference in particular we are clearly obligated to the Gerry Home and Orphanage. We have done well, we can still do much better, and becoming active stewards of God-entrusted funds is the most engaging and profitable business in the world.

VI.—ON REFORMS

The church of the first born, Jesus the Christ, has always stood at the head of all moral reforms. She sets the standard and demands that all come up to her plans and stand by her issues if they would be accepted of her. The church, as known upon the earth, often falls below the mark of her high calling and is largely led captive by the hosts of Satan.

Free Methodism has always taken a prominent stand on all reform issues. A few of the many which claim our attention are the following:

Modern Evangelism.—The Scriptures teach that men are sinners before God and must repent and be born again, by the Spirit of our Lord. The modern way of erecting a large tabernacle, engaging a band of workers, led by a well pleasing type of a man, assisted by a large trained choir of godless singers and preaching enough of truth to get men under a degree of conviction, and then getting them to walk the sawdust trail or some other way equally as bad, and finish by shaking the hand of the praise-loving, dear man is to say the least handling the work of the Lord deceitfully. It is not after the moral standard set by Jehovah. We believe that this and all kindred religious movements are detrimental to the advancement of the kingdom upon the earth.

Sabbath Desecration.—One of the most positive statements of the Word of God is, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." This is a direct command for all time. God has said it. One can not speak out too strongly against the present tide of Sabbath desecration. The automobile craze is depopling the churches and sending multitudes down to hell. It is the misuse of a means of travel that might be a cause of a great blessing to the shut-ins on Sabbath days. The running of street cars and excursion steam cars on the Sabbath is uncalled for and is a prolific cause of much evil. The Sunday paper ought to be banished from every Christian home in the land. Sunday visiting and social chit chat are detrimental to spirituality and should not be indulged in by the followers of Jesus Christ. God will yet punish this nation for its disregard of His holy commandment. We wish to raise our voice against this state of affairs.

The Liquor Traffic.—Among the great evils of the present day is that of dealing in the traffic of distilled liquors. It is the source of nearly all the other evils, either directly or indirectly. It blights all it gets its slimy coils around and brings disaster and ruin to all who are caught in its tightening folds. It is with a feeling of thankfulness that we note the present awakening of the nations to the great harm done by the drinking of this evil of all evils. Prohibition is taking rapid strides in the world. Nearly half of our states

are now under the banner of "Down with the saloon." God haste the day when the stars and stripes wave over a saloonless United States. The doom of the liquor business is sounded out and the foes of the hellish business must never cease the onward march until the foe of sobriety is dethroned. As a church let us vote for a saloonless nation.

Romanism.—Of all the false religions of the world Romanism doubtless has the firmest hold upon the nations. Her tenets are taught in all parts of the world. From the Pope down to the least one there exists a oneness and a bondage to fear and superstition that keeps them from breaking away from dead formalism and heretical teachings. Romanism has ever been a foe to liberty, enlightenment, freedom of thought and free speech. Free government, free institutions and free schools have never found royal supporters among the followers of this religious body. She is ever on the alert to seize upon every opening to advance, and fastens her hold upon the world powers. The great political parties of to-day are largely controlled by her followers, so that they dare not declare their freedom of her power. The Protestant church has largely ceased to raise her voice against this foe of liberty. We need to be on the alert lest we be swallowed up of the same.

War.—The Bible speaks of war and rumors of wars. Surely we are living in the times of the fulfilment of the ever true Word of God. Never in the past has there been a time when nations were so arrayed against each other as now. Some wars have been a blessing to the world and have made possible the enjoyment of life and liberty and have brought freedom to many millions of people. War has always been a source of waste, destruction and suffering. Since the crime of the fairest age of the world men have been foes to each other, and as time goes apace they are inventing death-dealing instruments of destruction. We do not believe that war is a solution of the problems of life, but are sure that the old, old Gospel has in it the ending of war and the bringing in of everlasting peace.

Dress.—Never before has there been such a show of dress or lack of proper adornment as at the present time. The social world has gone crazy over desire to outdo itself along the line of immodest apparel. This is no time to be lax on this very important theme. The Free Methodists have all contended for the Bible teaching on the dress question. The church has maintained her own remarkably well. There is seen among us a tendency to be a little more like the world than is compatible with spirituality. We still need line upon line and line upon line on this issue as well as on others.

Divorce.—We can not too earnestly cry out against this evil of our land. There are more divorces granted in the United States of America than in any other civilized nation. The church has largely ignored the question of one of the greatest sins of the age. Marriage is a God-ordained institution. It is as sacred now as ever. As a church we need to keep this important truth to the front. Hasty and uncongential unions are fruitful sources of divorce. We need to discourage our young people from marrying unsaved persons.

Secrecy.—Secrecy in general is always open to suspicion because of its evil doings. A good thing need not to be covered and a bad thing ought not to be protected by a covering of secrecy. Men love darkness rather than light because their deeds are evil. Secrecy is detrimental to free government and free speech and stands in the way of justice and judgment. As a church we reaffirm our position against this unchristian institution and demand that men come out of the works of darkness if they would have our fellowship or indorsement.

VII.—ON AGGRESSIVE EVANGELISM

It is not the purpose of this committee to prove the existence and establishment of aggressive evangelism. It has been said, "Facts need no proof." We believe in aggressive evangelism, not only because it is a fact, but because it is the teaching of the inspired Word. The life of a Christian has its expression in spiritual activity. Therefore, we are taught not only to attain to

the spirit of evangelism but to follow it. The great apostle reveals how we may lay hold on eternal life in his charges to Timothy; it is laying strata upon strata until, by constant active effort, we are enabled to lay hold on eternal life.

We believe that we can impress a nation for Christ just in proportion to our possession of love and spiritual activity. We are pained to note that the records have shown in the past in some circuits, districts and even conferences at times a decrease in membership. This should not be. We claim to be an evangelistic church and should prove our claim by putting forth special energy for the salvation of lost souls.

We must not settle down to weeding the old fields, and think when we have weeded a few dead ones out of our class that we have done a plenty. We must go out in the highways and byways and compel sinners to come in. This will not be done unless we have the evangelistic spirit and we only have that spirit to the degree that we are filled with the Holy Ghost.

It is the opinion of your committee that a more effectual effort of evangelism should be put forth to reach the cities, towns and communities where the Free Methodist church is not already established within the bounds of our conference. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the conference select a city, town or community each year, choose the best evangelist possible to be secured from our ranks, stationing him upon one of the places chosen, at a salary of \$800 per year taken from the evangelistic fund. After he has organized a class at conference time a pastor will be placed in charge of the class and the evangelist will be transferred to a new field. In so doing, in place of a conference showing a gain of from twenty-five to forty members, or perhaps, at a venture, a loss, we would have a substantial gain of membership; and at least one new society a year, and at less cost, compared with the cost of modern evangelism in the past.

VIII.—ON PUBLICATIONS

There are two great powers continually at work in this fallen, sin-cursed world, the power of good for good and the power of evil for evil. These powers are antagonistic and irreconcilable. As such, it is absolutely impossible that they should affiliate or even compromise. In this moral conflict both powers are contending for the supremacy. The control of man is the object of their contention. The power of evil and sin has dethroned man, enslaved and fettered him, but the power of good has come to his relief and deliverance. Man in the exercise of his free moral agency can choose whom he will serve. There is no coercion here. Hence the great enemy of souls throws out all manner of inducements to hold the wayward sons and daughters of Adam's race to a world of vice and folly, while the God of all grace through redemptive agency would rescue and save. The human mind is such that it must have something to feed upon, and literature has much to do in determining the character of the individual. Good produces good and evil produces evil. Like begets like. And inasmuch as there is moral poison in much of the literature of to-day, we need to be on the alert to repudiate all such, both for our own good and that of our families.

It is the duty and privilege of all Free Methodists to be familiar with the literature of our church and to recommend it far and wide. If we stand identified with the Free Methodist church and at the same time take the religious literature of other churches in preference to our own, it is at least a tacit confession that our church in her religious teaching is inferior to other churches, and thus we belittle the intelligence, piety and spirituality of the people of our choice. We say that we hold membership in the Free Methodist church because we believe her to be second to none in Scriptural soundness on the doctrines of salvation and holiness and humble, practical Christian life. Therefore we ought to be consistent and take our own literature first and then there would be no objection to taking other religious papers or periodicals of acknowledged merit.

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Oil City District																	
Oil City, First Church.....	M. E. Miller, D. E. F. N. Fox, May B. H. D. Call.....	79 26 111	13 5 7	92 31 118	3 2 1	21 18 15	1 1 3	9 8 21	132 50 143	5 8 28	20 8 2	166 74 195	\$ 78 75 23 10 109 20	\$..... 500 00	\$ 315 13 141 28 159 80	\$11 00 5 00	\$ 201 77 92 81 96 13
Oil City, Second Church.....	A. J. Beattie.....	68	12	80	1	8	2	10	57	17	7	118	68 27	.....	12 85	.....	83 25
Titusville, Jamison, Hamilton.....	J. L. S. Hoover.....	35	2	40	1	8	1	10	57	17	24	108	46 70	.....	39 28	.....	97 50
Tionesta and Newmansville.....	G. S. Bryan.....	55	8	63	2	4	2	12	78	21	4	118	59 85	.....	259 20	4 00	70 00
Tidoute and Hickory.....	F. A. Reese.....	32	12	44	.....	17	3	21	93	1	6	212	32 55	.....	106 93	.....	57 74
Youngsville and Sugar Grove.....	Fred Smith.....	40	23	63	.....	4	5	30	175	1	13	191	39 90	8 80	28 00	.....	44 80
Pleasantville and Enterprise.....	William Gearhart.....	38	2	40	.....	7	4	28	150	5	3	106	40 95	.....	62 00	.....	123 44
Weaver Circuit.....	M. E. Wolcott.....	37	4	41	.....	7	2	10	88	5	16	69	38 00	.....	123 78	6 31	57 48
Harburg Circuit.....	M. E. Parker.....	46	4	50	.....	18	1	8	38	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Barnes and Saybrook.....	E. Biewis.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Warren.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Erie District																	
Erie and East Side.....	E. L. Monroe, D. E. William Bryenton.....	52 1	7 23	53 24	3 8	8 11	1 2	8 31	52 75	11 4	20 5	91 48	58 80 23 20	8 00	154 00 35 76	2 00	63 77 19 84
North East.....	A. C. Hall, supply.....	43	7	50	.....	8	1	12	31	20	17	124	44 10	.....	103 72	.....	63 78
Conneaut and North Kingsville.....	June B. Horning.....	16	15	31	.....	11	2	8	52	22	3	60	44 10	.....	167 74	20 00	51 60
Union City and Corry.....	G. W. Hill.....	58	13	71	.....	10	1	8	59	22	.....	.....	55 65	14 00	163 39	.....	57 35
Meadville.....	B. P. Hogan.....	12	.....	12	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 60	.....	8 55	.....	3 50
Randolph.....	E. L. Monroe, supply.....	32	.....	32	.....	9	1	5	8	.....	.....	13	40 95	.....	56 00	1 00	17 52
Centerville and Tryonville.....	E. A. McCleary, sup. J. J. Hall, supply.....	38 8	..... .....	46	2 2	6	1 2	8	39 .....	..... .....	..... .....	47	38 00.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Girard and Branchville.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Castle District																	
New Castle, Arlington Avenue.....	E. L. Monroe, D. E. L. Hall.....	74 3	..... .....	77	2	27	1	16	140	18	38	212	86 10 .....	.....	181 58 144 46	.....	198 00
New Castle, Devery Avenue.....	F. W. McClelland.....	39	7	46	.....	4	2	6	45	6	4	65	42 00	.....	260 02	50	107 46
Ellwood City and Keeler.....	A. H. M. Zambiser.....	65	7	72	.....	4	2	8	142	16	45	233	71 40	.....	166 98	4 65	63 98
Coal Town.....	R. B. Brewster.....	36	4	40	.....	8	1	11	106	.....	5	87	37 50	.....	157 00	.....	59 96
Bruin and Argentine.....	S. Stimer.....	29	1	30	.....	11	2	8	70	4	5	10	81 40	.....	37 55	.....	53 74
Mercer, Prospect and Bethel.....	J. J. Ginader.....	37	10	47	.....	1	2	12	55	4	10	81	90 60	.....	215 89	.....	104 54
Sharon.....	H. W. Mitchell.....	77	22	99	.....	12	1	15	138	70	0	232	80 60	.....	37 55	.....	64 95
Sharpsville.....	H. W. Mitchell, sup. H. W. Mitchell.....	16 3	19	2	4	1	7	66	28	30	131	10 50	13 80

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CHARGE	FREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers and Evangelists	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars (Number)	Members in Home Department	Names on Cradle Roll	Total Enrollment	General Conference (Assessed Claims) Total Only	Foreign Missions	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Educational Fund	Raised for Sunday School Expenses
Bradford District																	
A. J. Hill, D. E.																	
Bradford and East Bradford	G. J. Kelly	70	9	79	18	18	2	14	90	24	13	141	\$ 67 00	\$.....	\$ 188 00	\$.....	\$ 124 51
Lewis Run and Simpson	William Newkirk	11		11	1	1	3	6	40	8	46	46	15 75	.....	135 67	.....	232 06
J. F. Collins	J. F. Collins	40	4	44	10	10	1	18	90	8	120	120	45 20	.....	138 03	.....	27 45
Tuna Creek and Limestone	J. W. E. Smith	18	2	20	1	1	7	7	50	12	40	40	21 00	.....	100 00	.....	22 42
Duke Center and Ricksford	E. L. Kiffer	41	9	50	14	14	2	12	53	20	24	131	31 00	.....	135 88	.....	31 30
Eldred and West Eldred	W. M. Aiken	33	4	37	1	1	1	1	60	7	70	70	23 00	.....	100 00	.....	34 12
Port Allegany and Austin	K. F. Leight	24	4	28	15	15	1	10	60	7	71	71	38 00	.....	155 29	5 00	50 13
Emporium	K. F. Leight	23	4	27	13	13	1	11	60	7	71	71	38 00	.....	155 29	5 00	50 13
Roadway and John Wesley Church	A. V. Gril	33	4	37	3	3	1	8	65	1	74	74	36 75	.....	100 63	.....	42 94
Condorsport and Keck	A. V. Gril	28	3	31	8	8	1	8	49	1	58	58	26 00	.....	78 42	.....	28 00
Usses and Harrison Valley	F. S. Hepler	24	1	25	1	1	1	1	65	1	74	74	36 75	.....	100 63	.....	42 94
Galeton and West Branch	C. J. Edwards	31		31	.....	.....	.....	.....	49	.....	.....	.....	26 00	.....	78 42	.....	49 80
Tyrone District																	
W. J. Barkas, D. E.																	
Tyrone	Edwin Butterworth	26	9	35	2	9	1	9	56	12	20	97	28 00	.....	27 40	.....	40 52
Phillipsburg and Gearhartville	Edwin Haskins, sup.	28	1	29	1	4	2	15	90	.....	.....	105	29 40	.....	.....	.....	83 72
Fleming and Bellefonte	L. B. Hawks	82	10	92	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	94 00	.....	60 00	.....	67 63
Williamsport	G. B. Tingle	24	3	27	1	6	1	10	60	8	6	84	23 00	.....	.....	.....	15 00
Muncy and Pensdale	M. J. Anthony, sup.	12	.....	12	.....	2	1	4	20	.....	.....	24	9 20	.....	7 45	.....	.....
DuBois District																	
W. J. Barkas, D. E.																	
DuBois, Sabula and Falls Creek	F. W. Parks	33	4	37	1	5	2	7	50	.....	.....	57	35 70	.....	10 00	.....	40 00
Kane, Lamont and Highland	C. O. Whitford	27	1	28	1	4	2	11	60	.....	.....	71	26 25	.....	71 48	.....	49 79
Rocky Hill Mountain, Egypt	C. O. Webster	44	8	52	1	4	2	26	174	.....	.....	200	54 00	.....	9 00	.....	41 50
Brookville, Ohio	O. Lomberson, supply	31	10	41	1	1	1	7	30	.....	.....	37	45 00	.....	7 50	.....	28 50
Brookville and Alaska	L. L. Adams	19	1	20	1	2	1	2	8	.....	.....	48	23 10	56 70	.....	3 00	20 70
Meriden, Tyersburg, etc.	L. S. Barnes	32	7	39	.....	.....	.....	.....	35	.....	.....	43	29 00	.....	81 00	.....	16 79
Clarion, Stratonville and Shirey	P. W. E. McFadden, sup.	36	2	38	1	5	1	10	60	.....	.....	70	38 85	.....	70 53	.....	21 00
Shippensburg and Pine City	W. J. Kerry	25	2	27	.....	.....	.....	10	65	.....	.....	75	27 30	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total		2096	308	2404	63	469	90	578	3721	355	434	5088	\$2183 12	\$ 641 50	\$ 4739 93	\$62 97	\$3020 39

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Oil City District																
Oil City, First Church.....	\$ 28 40	\$ 7 45	\$ 1 40	\$ 1 40	\$66 90	\$ 307 50	\$ 11 25	\$ 810 00	\$ 120	\$ 144 32	\$ 203 00	\$ 801 33	1	\$ 4000	1	\$ 1000
Oil City, Second Church.....	8 00	5 00	1 00	1 00	38 11	37 85	3 30	350 00	144	47 10	47 10	28 31	1	1800	1	1800
Franklin and Maple Dale.....	22 83				15 99	151 07	15 60	708 00	240	100 28	476 86	267 50	2	6500	1	5000
Titusville, Jamison, Hamilton.....		6 60	7 95		12 17	103 71	10 35	768 64	144	91 30	52 28	178 98	3	7000	1	5000
Tionesta and Newmansville.....	8 29				6 29	103 79	6 60	525 00	60	80 00	25 10	161 00	1	3500	1	600
Tidoute and Hickory.....					23 15	104 30	8 55	524 10	72	70 00		48 91	2	2000	1	1200
Youngsville and Sugar Grove.....	11 15				19 95	81 59	4 05	591 29	130	35 88	39 09	139 35	3	2000	1	2000
Pleasantville and Enterprise.....	3 90				16 21	43 62	5 70	501 17	72	55 40	15 06	254 00	3	4500	1	600
Weaver Circuit.....	3 12	3 01	3 00		16 21	43 62	5 70	444 15	72	55 40	15 06	254 00	3	4500	1	600
Mayburg Circuit.....	3 00				16 21	43 62	5 70	444 15	72	55 40	15 06	254 00	3	4500	1	600
Barnes and Saybrook.....	4 80	3 25		87	16 00	76 73	5 70	718 50	84	78 18	101 00	228 24	1	3500	1	1000
Warren.....								675 00		125 50				7500		
Camp meeting.....																
Erie District																
Erie and East Side.....	16 18	2 60			23 40	105 95	8 40	812 00	150	77 50		400 00	1	3000	1	1000
North East.....		91				20 75	3 30	175 25			22 00	59 60				
Conneaut and North Kingsville.....	10 00	1 98	43	61	12 00	88 80	6 30	435 21		55 14	50 37	1009 55	2	8000	1	2000
Union City and Corry.....					15 90	57 60	6 30	615 00	144	57 74	12 00	302 47	1	3500	1	2500
Meadville.....	4 35	3 31	2 37			83 28	1 95	521 27		76 98				3500		
Randolph.....						3 50	5 80	272 88		22 03		33 00	2	1100	1	500
Centerville and Tryonville.....						18 52	5 70	557 59		62 64		85 00	1	1200		
Girard and Branchville.....		1 00														
New Castle District																
New Castle, Arlington Avenue.....		3 34	2 24		8 54	198 00	12 30	800 00	240	101 11		1481 90	1	80 0	1	3000
New Castle, Perry Avenue.....						14 12	6 00	705 30	144	76 03		121 10	1	2500	1	1600
Ellwood City and Keeley.....	14 05	3 52			28 43	125 03	10 20	905 20	144	105 11	159 41	601 18	1	2500	1	2000
Coal Town.....	4 50				13 00	96 91	5 40	502 80	130	85 73		643 30	1	2500	1	2000
Brin and Argentine.....		3 20			76 16	4 65	569 04	1 00	78 57	25 52		82 41	2	5000	1	2000
Mercer, Prospect and Bethel.....	1 91	1 04	1 50		65 70	375 00	6 00	375 00		45 35	12 50	89 40	3	9000	1	500
Sharon.....	36 84	13 15	7 08	3 00	35 13	289 74	11 40	885 50	120	100 00	132 00	835 92	1	5000	1	1200
Sharpville.....	11 64	3 80		1 00	9 00	30 42	1 50	108 25		28 65	7 07	279 50	1	2500		

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Bradford District																
Bradford and East Bradford.....	\$ 5 00	\$ 6 00	\$.....	\$.....	\$20 00	\$ 155 81	\$ 10 05	\$ 675 00	\$ 120	\$ 96 00	\$ 138 87	\$ 243 52	1	%	1	\$ 1500
Lewis Run and Simson.....	2 00	1 80	.....	.....	.....	36 79	2 25	400 00	60	57 62	.....	30 28	1	.....	1	1000
Luna Creek and Limestone.....	1 35	1 30	.....	.....	6 13	36 63	3 30	568 45	84	90 15	22 50	54 64	2	.....	1	1200
Dunbar and Bradford.....	1 30	1 30	.....	.....	.....	34 30	3 15	525 00	80	80 61	.....	138 30	1	.....	1	1200
Edred and West Edred.....	1 43	1 70	46 00	1 01	5 00	29 12	6 30	523 33	96	70 25	40 00	83 21	2	.....	1	1200
Port Allegany and Austin.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	29 12	4 65	635 05	180	84 56	90 03	200 00	1	.....	1	800
Emporium.....	32 92	.....	.....	.....	22 82	100 62	3 45	710 75	240	87 28	47 21	308 75	1	.....	1	1500
Ridgway & John Wesley Church	11 49	3 35	.....	.....	8 88	64 97	5 70	717 75	72	56 83	2 76	154 58	2	.....	1	2500
Coudersport and Keech.....	4 30	.....	.....	.....	.....	56 12	5 25	717 75	100	34 00	30 00	50 00	1	.....	1	1000
Ulysses and Harrison Valley.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	28 00	4 20	300 00	96	65 24	18 74	165 65	1	.....	1	1200
Galeton and West Branch.....	2 34	.....	1 64	.....	10 50	64 28	3 90	405 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	1	1200
Tyrone District																
Tyrone.....	.....	1 00	.....	1 00	99 02	150 54	4 20	502 21	96	55 80	.....	238 27	1	10000	1	250
Phillipsburg and Gettysville.....	6 78	.....	.....	.....	5 00	540 11	4 20	540 11	60	74 34	.....	105 00	1	.....	1	800
Elmington and Bellefonte.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	92 38	5 75	541 11	100	104 28	.....	140 74	1	.....	1	800
Williamport.....	14 50	3 65	.....	.....	6 50	15 00	1 80	186 20	.....	56 00	20 00	8 00	1	.....	1	250
Muncy and Pensile.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
DuBois District																
DuBois, Sabula and Falls Creek	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40 00	5 10	260 00	120	53 31	.....	700 00	3	4200	1	1800
Kane, Lamont and Highland.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	49 79	3 75	615 00	120	81 02	118 72	157 26	1	2500	1	1000
Brockwayville, Mountain, Egypt.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	42 00	8 10	463 49	60	68 58	15 00	90 00	3	3600	1	500
Piedfield Circuit.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	6 00	30 80	9 00	300 00	72	52 00	.....	25 00	1	1600	1	500
Brookville and Alaska.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	26 50	3 30	431 50	.....	72 43	.....	15 50	2	3000	1	.....
Marionville, Tylersburg, etc.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11 00	27 00	4 80	395 75	100	91 08	44 32	570 68	4	.....	1	1200
Clarion, Strattonville and Shirley	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35 79	5 35	399 77	.....	71 43	35 00	50 00	1	16000	1	5000
Shippensburg and Pine City.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21 00	5 20	186 00	45	56 80	25 80	.....	2	3000	1	.....
Total.....	\$275 72	\$83 87	\$11 98	\$82 60	\$324 15	\$26454 99	\$ 4342	\$3518 73	\$ 2329 46	\$101700 42	\$50700	12070 77	84	%	42	\$50700

WEST KANSAS CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Thirty-fifth Annual Session, held
at Macksville, Kansas, August 8-12, 1917

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On Sunday-schools—W. H. Cook, Charles A. Snow, G. J. Archer.
On Reforms—J. B. Hargadine, Baxter Kier, H. B. Sutton.
On Publications—John Walton, D. A. Heck, Walter Miner.
On Education—W. E. Keasling, C. H. Malin, M. J. Miller.
On Charities—Francis M. R. Willard, A. J. Lunsford, George Grothaus.
To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—Charles A. Snow, C. H. Jerome, A. A. Melrose.
To Publish the Minutes—The secretaries.
To Solicit Funds to Publish the Minutes—Baxter Kier.
On Complimentary Resolutions—Charles A. Snow, E. R. Grout.
On Conference Claimants and Claims—John S. MacGeary, F. R. Vosburgh, Charles Mitchell, M. J. Miller.
On Conference Missions and Missionary Appropriations—John S. MacGeary, F. R. Vosburgh, Charles Mitchell, G. J. Archer, M. J. Miller.

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C. H. Malin, president, term expires 1920; F. P. Woodward, term expires 1919;
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ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Conference Missions (25 cents), Permanent Fund; second quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund; third quarter, Bishops' Salaries, Entertainment of Annual Conference (20 cents); fourth quarter, General Missions, Entertainment of General Conference, Church Extension Fund. Delegates' Expenses to General Conference.

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President, Mrs. Viola Helsel, 910 South Walnut street, McPherson, Kansas; first vice-president, Mrs. Hannah Long, Logan, Kansas; second vice-president, Mrs. Pearl Vosburgh, Macksville, Kansas; corresponding secretary, Adah M. Archer, Densmore, Kansas; recording secretary, Miss Hattie Grout, Logan, Kansas; treasurer, Mrs. Gertrude T. Everley, Osborne, Kansas; superintendent of Junior work, Mrs. Gertie L. Keasling, Osborne, Kansas; conference librarian, Mrs. Fanny M. Heck, Iuka, Kansas.

ADDRESSES

Rev. John Walton, treasurer, Kingsdown, Kansas; Rev. C. H. Malin, Sunday-school secretary, 336 West Fifth street, Concordia, Kansas; Rev. A. J. Lunsford, Sunday-school secretary, McPherson, Kansas; Rev. A. E. Grothaus, conference secretary, Kinsley, Kansas.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

C. H. Malin,
F. P. Woodward,
W. F. Cook,
E. P. Robb,
F. R. Vosburgh,
H. B. Sutton,
A. J. Lunsford,
W. E. Keasling,

J. B. Hargadine,
John Walton,
C. W. Long,
Charles Mitchell,
J. W. Norris,
D. A. Heck,
D. N. Bowers,
A. E. Lathrop.

A. E. Grothaus,
W. H. Cook,
Baxter Kier,
Francis M. R. Willard,
C. H. Jerome,
W. W. Edwards,
Charles A. Snow,

DELEGATES

A. C. Anderson,
C. W. Miner,
A. A. Melrose,
Fred Willard,
G. J. Archer,
Ada Maynard,

M. J. Miller,
E. R. Grout,
George Grothaus,
L. P. Stone,
Tena McBride,
G. F. Snow.

W. E. Hargadine,
R. R. Pinkerton,
Rozella Hinkle,
D. G. Miller,
C. R. Wiley,

2. Who are the stationing committee? J. S. MacGeary, F. R. Vosburgh, Charles Mitchell, M. J. Miller, G. J. Archer.
3. What preachers are admitted on trial? None.
4. Who remain on trial? J. A. Holtsclaw, John B. Upson.
5. Who are admitted into full connection? None.
6. Who are the deacons? A. E. Lathrop, A. E. Grothaus, W. H. Cook, Francis M. R. Willard, W. W. Edwards.
7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? D. A. Heck.
8. Who have located this year? D. N. Bowers, at his own request.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? J. B. Hargadine, W. W. Edwards.
10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? E. P. Robb, W. F. Cook, F. P. Woodward, C. W. Long, J. W. Norris, A. J. Lunsford, C. H. Jerome.
11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? None.
12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.
13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? None.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The names of all the preachers were called and the character of each was passed.
15. Who have died this year? None.
- 16-20. See statistical report.
21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? W. F. Cook, \$120; E. P. Robb, \$45; F. P. Woodward, \$150; A. J. Lunsford, \$45; C. H. Jerome, \$120.
24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.
25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Densmore, Kansas, as near the 14th of August, 1918, as will be convenient for the bishop who is to preside.

APPOINTMENTS

MANKATO DISTRICT—W. E. KEASLING, District Elder, Osborne, Kansas

Mankato, New Eden and Lebanon.....	Charles A. Snow, Lebanon, Kansas
White Eagle and Pleasant Hill.....	A. E. Lathrop, Beloit, “
.....	George Grothaus, supply, Smith Center, “
Osborne and Round Hill.....	“
.....	W. R. Everley, Gertrude Everley, supplies, Osborne, “
Beloit and North Fairview.....	Baxter Kier, Beloit, “
Concordia.....	C. H. Malin, 336 West Fifth street, Concordia, “
Lincoln and Wilson.....	H. B. Sutton, Lincoln, “

E. P. Robb, W. F. Cook, F. P. Woodward, C. H. Jerome, superannuated; W. W. Edwards, supernumerary; W. E. Keasling, member of Mankato district quarterly conference.

ALMENA DISTRICT—W. E. KEASLING, District Elder

Almena.....	To be supplied
Logan and Cactus.....	E. R. Grout, supply, Logan, Kansas
Densmore and Lenora.....	Charles Mitchell, Densmore, “
Cross Roads.....	Sherman Archer, supply, Logan, “
Plainville.....	To be supplied
Penokee.....	N. I. Gilbert, supply, Densmore, Kansas

C. W. Long, superannuated; D. N. Bowers, located at his own request.

MACKSVILLE DISTRICT—F. R. VOSBURGH, Dist. Elder, Macksville, Kansas

Macksville, St. John and White Frame Church.....	Francis M. R. Willard, Macksville, Kansas
.....	J. B. Upson, Sharon, “
Sharon and Mound Center.....	J. B. Holtscaw, Kingman, “
Kingman Mission.....	“
Eden Valley, Pratt and Star Schoolhouse.....	D. A. Heck, Fanny M. Heck, supply, Iuka, “
.....	A. E. Grothaus, Kinsley, “
Kinsley and Bethany.....	John Walton, Kingsdown, “
Bucklin, Pleasant Heights and Fairview....	W. I. Farnham, supply
Meade and Sublette.....	“

J. W. Norris, A. J. Lunsford, superannuated; J. B. Hargadine, supernumerary; F. R. Vosburgh, member Macksville district quarterly conference.

Leoti and Lone Star.....	To be supplied
Winona and Page.....	To be supplied
Beeler and Prairie View.....	W. H. Cook, Beeler, Kansas

J. M. Young.....Almena, Kansas B. F. Closson.....Rago, Kansas
Cyrus ArcherDensmore, " Sherman ArcherLogan, "

W. E. Keener.....Sharon, Kansas D. N. Bowers.....Almena, Kansas
H. LovetteKinsley, " *W. R. Everly.....Osborne, "
*G. J. Archer....Densmore, Kansas

G. F. Snow.....	Almena, Kansas	Alex Richardson...	McPherson, Kansas
J. W. Harris.....	Nashville, "	Clarence Archer ...	Densmore, "
T. L. Kingsolver.....	Sharon, "	E. R. Grout.....	Logan, "
W. H. Hicks.....	Beloit, "	W. H. Sides.....	Logan, "
W. E. Hargadine..	Mullinville, "	A. Sweet	Beloit, "
C. C. Deardorff.....	Juka, "	R. G. Archer.....	Densmore, "
George R. Grothaus, Smith Center, Kansas		N. I. Gilbert.....	Densmore, "
Thomas Pyle		W. A. Fish.....	Belmont, "
		Fred Sealock	
	E. G. Runyon....	Densmore, Kansas	

Mrs. Viola Helsel..McPherson, Kansas	Mrs. Fanny M. Heck....Iuka, Kansas
Mrs. Jennie Patton...Almena, "	Miss Salina Delimont, Long Island.
Mrs. Carrie Bowers...Almena, "	Kansas
Mrs. Josephine Bates, Lebanon, Kan- sas	Mrs. Alice R. Grothaus, Kinsley, Kan- sas

Mrs. Mary Stone....Randall, Kansas	Mrs. Grace Kirkpatrick, Kinsley, Kan-
Mrs. Bell Marsteller, Monument, Kan-	sas
sas	Miss Grace Moyer.....Page, Kansas
Mrs. Gertrude T. Everly, Osborne, Kansas	Miss Alsina Maribugh, Beloit, Kan-
	sas
Pearl Pelser....Pratt, Kansas	

The thirty-fifth session of the conference was held at Macksville, Kansas, August 8-12, 1917. A spirit of brotherly love and harmony characterized all the business transactions. Bishop W. A. Sellow being unable to be present, he appointed Rev. J. S. MacGeary to preside. The conference extended a hearty

*Ordained this year.

welcome to Brother MacGeary, who fitted into the bishop's chair very naturally and presided in a very pleasant and acceptable manner. His sermons and addresses to the conference were instructive, inspiring and very much appreciated. There were a goodly number in attendance and God's blessing was on His people. The religious services were honored by the presence of the Holy Spirit. There were a number of seekers at the altar, most of whom obtained definite help in their souls.

Ordination services were held and the president of the conference ordained D. A. Heck elder and W. R. Everley and G. J. Archer local deacons. There were a number of visitors present, several of whom preached the word to the edification of the hearers. Rev. W. T. Loring, of the Illinois conference, was with us representing the interests of the Publishing House. The public collections for the various causes were good.

A public missionary meeting was held on Sunday afternoon under the auspices of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. Rev. J. S. MacGeary gave a very interesting address on Africa, after which a liberal offering in cash and subscriptions was received for foreign missions. The W. F. M. S. raised in cash during the year for foreign missions, \$913.16. There was raised throughout the conference during the year for the Life Line Mission at Kansas City, Kansas, \$685.19 cash, and forty-six boxes and barrels of clothing and provisions. The statistical reports show a fair gain in church membership.

TREASURER'S REPORT

PERMANENT FUND—Assessed and paid, \$27.85.

GENERAL MISSIONS—Assessed and paid, \$83.55.

CHURCH EXTENSION—Assessed and paid, \$55.70.

BISHOPS' SALARIES—Assessed and paid, \$100.26.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT—Assessed and paid, \$83.55.

GENERAL CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT—Assessed and paid, \$11.14.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND—Assessed and paid, \$278.50.

CONFERENCE MISSIONS—Raised, \$185.30.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—Raised, \$27.26.

CHILDREN'S FUND—Raised, \$21.82.

EDUCATIONAL FUND—Raised, \$1.05.

AMOUNT ON HAND FROM THE SALE OF CUBA CHURCH AND PARSONAGE PROPERTY—\$130.64.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON EDUCATION

Never before was the demand for education so great as to-day. Never before was there such a demand for trained men and women, men and women who can do things a little better than the average person. And, probably, never in all the past have the opportunities of educated men and women been so great and so wonderful as they are to-day. Never was there so little excuse for ignorance and so little room for it in the world. The day when only the few were educated and the many were ignorant is past and to-day education in some kind or degree is essential to success. A man may possess much natural ability, but if he is ignorant and untrained he is sure to be discounted, sure to be always placed at a disadvantage. Everywhere, in every profession, the man who is wanted is the man whose natural ability has been increased manifold by training.

"What is the best education?" was asked of an ancient Athenian philosopher. He replied, "It is that which gives to the body and to the soul all the beauty and all the perfection of which they are capable." A splendid definition. We fear much of the present-day education would not measure up to this high standard. The greater part of it is altogether without reference to

the training of the soul. The best education is that which trains the whole man, which makes the hand deft, the eye vigilant, the tongue "as the pen of a ready writer," the mind broad, keen, cultured, the conscience tender, the heart true. In short, the education which fits men to live—the only profession for which all men need to be fitted—which fits men to put the most into life and to get the best out of it—that is the best education.

It is a fine thing to be able to go through our schools from kindergarten to university, but where this is not possible a good education may still be obtained. In this day of correspondence schools and night schools, and of books plentiful and cheap, and when the blind and deaf and dumb and crippled obtain a good education, surely no one need despair if only his will is sufficiently strong.

The knowledge obtained during a few crowded years at school should be, after all, only a small part of our education. It is our privilege to be always at school, always learning, always extracting knowledge from circumstances, from surroundings, from people, from books; to push daily farther away the narrow horizon of ignorance which circumscribes our sphere; to leave our "low-vaulted past" and to inhabit with each new season a more spacious intellectual mansion.

It has been said that knowledge is power, and so it is; but it is power only when it has been thoroughly assimilated. True education is not a mind-cramming process, but a process of assimilation that makes the knowledge received a part of the individual, something that is turned into power in everyday life, something that renders him efficient. The best educated people are those in whom this process of assimilation goes through life, converting knowledge obtained from every source and at every opportunity into power and efficiency. Power and efficiency are what the world is demanding to-day.

Not only does it demand them of those who are engaged in secular employments, but of the ministry as well. There is no other calling which so taxes every resource of body and mind and soul as the ministry. How necessary then that the ministry be trained. If wisdom is absolutely essential in managing the most ordinary affairs of this life, how ought wisdom to be sought by him who is engaged in the highest and holiest of callings and whose work concerns the eternal destinies of men. A young minister once questioned Adam Clarke in regard to his education. Dr. Clarke is said to have replied, "A Methodist preacher ought to know all that is to be known." That is putting it rather strong, but for the sake of our high and holy calling and of the immortal souls that are at stake, and for the glory of the God we love and serve, we ought to "study to show ourselves approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

West Kansas Conference

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WEST KANSAS CONFERENCE

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers and Evangelists	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars (Number Enrolled)	Members in Home Department	Names on Cradle Roll	Total Enrollment	General Conference (Assessed) Total Only	Foreign Missions	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Educational Fund	Raised for Sunday School Expenses
Mankato District	Chas. Mitchell, D. E.	13	12	25	13	1	8	4	29	165	9	203	\$ 15 00	\$	\$ 5 00	\$	\$ 14 00
Lebanon, White Eagle, etc.	Charles Mitchell.....	59	12	71	12	1	20	4	29	165	9	203	47 00	..	11 55	2 34	65 00
Osborne and New Eden.	John Walton.....	35	1	36	1	1	20	2	3	20	23	23	40 40	..	19 34	2 34	24 65
Beloit and North Fairview.	W. W. Edwards.....	45	2	47	3	3	15	11	9	45	16	79	50 00	13 66	34 70	..	39 75
Concordia	C. H. Malin.....	28	8	36	6	7	11	1	8	50	3	67	17 00	..	23 00	..	37 54
Lincoln and Wilson.....	W. R. Jerome.....	19	2	21	2	2	12	1	8	33	..	41	18 00	..	56 40	55	13 76
Almena District	Chas. Mitchell, D. E.	20	2	22	4	4	9	1	10	48	12	71	29 90	..	8 00	..	25 00
Almena	Charles A. Snow.....	33	16	49	13	7	17	3	20	146	..	160	46 85	3 25	91 89	..	60 00
Logan and Cactus.....	R. J. Linsford.....	86	18	104	13	14	1	10	100	28	..	138	46 00	..	81 92	..	51 26
Densmore	Ed. Ricketts.....	67	..	67	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7 00	..	..	..	..
Pensaukee	N. Gilbert.....	5	..	5	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Plainville	Charles Mitchell.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Macksville District	F. R. Vosburgh, D. E.	48	12	60	2	15	2	10	60	20	..	90	45 00	..	126 08	..	39 12
Macksville, St. John, etc.	F. M. R. Willard.....	26	3	29	2	6	2	10	..	..	..	10	16 50	..	..	..	26 00
Sharon and Mound Center.	F. R. Vosburgh.....	22	..	22	..	4	4	1	5	45	..	50	17 00	..	..	..	26 07
Kingman Mission	J. A. Holtsclaw.....	34	11	45	2	16	1	11	50	2	15	78	23 00	..	40 00	..	12 00
Eden Valley, Pratt and Star.	D. A. Heck.....	42	5	47	4	9	2	14	80	..	..	94	45 00	..	146 51	..	42 00
Kinsley and Bethany	A. E. Grothaus.....	29	1	30	..	10	1	12	61	..	..	73	22 00	20 29	133 37	50	24 77
Bucklin, Pleasant Heights, etc.	W. E. Keating.....	24	5	29	..	4	1	1	50	..	..	56	16 00	3 75	..	..	30 00
Meade and Sablette.....	J. E. Upson.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ness City District	F. R. Vosburgh, D. E.	15	2	17	5	2	2	1	6	18	..	24	2 15	..	..	..	..
Leoti and Lone Star.....	F. R. Vosburgh.....	12	..	12	2	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	8 34	..	..	..	10 00
Wagona and Prairieview.	F. R. Vosburgh.....	17	..	17	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	23 00	6 00	..	..	..
Raised by public collection to meet deficiency	W. H. Cook.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	28 61	..	..	..	..
Total.....	Chas. Mitchell, D. E.	615	100	715	32	171	28	171	968	74	46	1237	\$ 568 10	\$ 46 95	\$ 877 86	\$ 3 39	\$ 540 92

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WEST KANSAS CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

CHARGE	Raised in Sunday School for Foreign Missions	Raised for Children's Fund	Raised for General Conference S. Board	Raised for Annual Conference Sunday School Board	Raised in Sunday School for All Other Benevolences	Total Amount Raised in Sunday School	Conference Missions	Pastors' Support	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Support	Evangelists' Support	Incidentals	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
Mankato District																
Mankato	\$				\$ 1 00	\$ 15 00	\$ 5 35	\$ 338 48	\$ 100	\$ 52 50	\$ 755 63	\$ 34 70	1	\$ 1000	1	\$ 1000
Lebanon, White Eagle, etc.						63 00	10 45	358 50	150	85 00	755 63	1635 33	3	6500	1	1000
Bear and New Eden	1 50				2 34	23 41	17 50	458 50	186	38 26	755 63	206 00	2	3000	1	1200
Bellevue and North Fairview	4 06				2 42	44 11	17 50	585 82	140	38 26	755 63	206 00	2	3000	3	2000
Concordia					2 42	39 96	5 05	400 00	144	62 00	70 43	86 81	1	2000	1	1500
Lincoln and Wilson	7 42				4 01	25 19	6 30	423 02	120	57 55	66 62	18 71	1	300	1	900
Almena District																
Almena	4 91	2 26			21 50	32 17	9 10	355 10	60	60 50		72 64	1	1500	1	500
Logan and Cactus		9 50			42 00	91 00	17 15	421 00	120	71 70	110 00	60 00	2	4500	1	1500
Densmore		6 83				100 19	16 10	500 00	60	66 98	100 00	400 71	1	1200	1	900
Penokee							1 75	46 61		16 50					1	900
Plainville												1 05			1	800
Macksville District									100						1	1000
Macksville, St. John, etc.	2 11				14 00	41 23	15 75	574 50	180	134 96	52 00	130 68	2	2400	1	2500
Marion and Cedar Center		3 00				43 00	10 15	330 00	54	80 12	60 00	4 35	1	1500	1	1500
Kingsburg Mission						28 07	4 80	100 38	42	49 84		2 83	1	1500	1	500
Eden Valley, Pratt and Star		2 13				14 13	8 05	281 85	90	80 00	16 05	101 12	1	1000	1	1700
Kinsley and Bethany	10 01				4 80	56 81	15 75	585 67	104	107 86		154 48	2	3000	1	1200
Bucklin, Pleasant Heights, etc.	11 85	1 00			9 50	47 12	7 70	600 00	60	141 22	29 00	20 30	1	1000	1	800
Meade and Sublette						30 00	5 60	637 79		124 38	64 84	7 15				
Ness City District																
Leoti and Lone Star								173 16	40	30 97		1 05				
Winona and Page						10 00	8 05	223 00	72	31 40		22 80			1	800
Beeler and Fairview												17 93			1	750
Total	\$ 42 46	\$ 24 82	\$	\$	101 57	\$ 709 77	\$ 185 30	\$ 7852 54	\$ 1692	\$ 1427 30	\$ 1397 12	\$ 3989 79	22	\$ 34700	22	\$ 220150

ILLINOIS CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Fifty-eighth Annual Session, held
at Peoria, Illinois, August 29-September 2,
1917

OFFICERS

G. W. GRIFFITH, *President*
E. A. TAPPER, *Secretary* D. L. LOWER, *Statistical Secretary*
W. T. LORING, *Assistant Secretary* W. P. FERRIES, *Treasurer*

COMMITTEES

- On Public Worship*—G. W. Griffith, T. A. Bailey, W. J. Bone, C. S. Huston, E. G. Cryer.
On State of the Work—W. J. Bone, E. G. Cryer, C. S. Huston, R. B. McKee, H. L. K. Stokes, M. N. Pierson.
On Reforms—T. A. Bailey, C. W. Wade, P. W. Newcomer, S. VanHecke, Frank Danielson.
On Education—Henry Lenz, F. E. Bennett, F. D. Brooke, Bertha Rubeck, Amy Henderlite.
On Publications—F. S. Parks, R. G. Wilkin, H. L. K. Stokes, Clarence Swords, J. G. Rockenbach.
On Nominations—E. G. Cryer, C. S. Huston, J. D. Marsh, F. D. Brooke.
On Charities—J. D. Marsh, J. D. Kelsey, W. J. Bone, Emma Parry, Edward Foster.
On Sabbath-schools—F. W. Caulkins, F. H. Siefkin, R. G. Wilkin, B. R. Parks, T. A. Bailey, Henry Lenz, Clarence Snively, F. C. Black.
To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—J. E. Parry, Bertha Rubeck, Edith Landmark, R. J. Huffman, C. N. Schumaker.
To Report for the Press—D. L. Lower, J. E. Parry.
On "Our Country"—F. D. Brooke, J. D. Marsh, W. P. Ferries, E. G. Cryer, Matthias Klein, William Harper, Alton Young.
To Publish the Minutes—The secretaries.
To Raise Funds to Publish the Minutes—E. Lester Klein.
On Complimentary Resolutions—John Harvey.
On Missions and Missionary Appropriations—The stationing committee.
Auditing Committee—R. G. Wilkin, J. G. Rockenbach, H. W. Hills.
On Tithing—F. D. Brooke, J. D. Marsh, J. G. Rockenbach.
On Financial Efficiency—Henry Lenz, D. L. Lower, J. D. Marsh, F. D. Brooke, R. J. Huffman.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

J. D. Kelsey, president; E. G. Cryer, vice-president; J. D. Marsh, secretary and treasurer; R. B. McKee, William Harper.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

W. P. Ferries, time expires 1918; F. D. Brooke, secretary and treasurer, time expires 1918; E. G. Cryer, president, time expires 1919; H. O. Hubbard, J. D. Marsh, time expires 1919; Henry Lenz, William Harper, Milton N. Pierson, time expires 1920.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

R. G. Wilkin, secretary, time expires 1918; W. J. Bone, president, time expires 1919; C. N. Schumaker, time expires 1920; E. A. Tapper, time expires 1921; B. R. Parks, time expires 1922.

TRUSTEES OF THE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION

F. D. Brooke, F. J. Kline, time expires 1918; J. D. Kelsey, W. J. Jackson, time expires 1919; W. P. Ferries, R. B. McKee, time expires 1920.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

<i>On State of the Work</i> —E. G. Cryer,	<i>On Education</i> —J. G. Rockenbach,
<i>On Reforms</i> —F. D. Brooke,	<i>On Charities</i> —H. W. Hills,
<i>On Publications</i> —W. T. Loring,	<i>On Sabbath-schools</i> —R. G. Wilkin,
<i>On Efficient Stewardship</i> —J. D. Marsh.	

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

Conference Missions, to be taken in November, 31 cents; Bishops' Salaries and General Missions, to be taken in January; Conference Claimants and Church Extension, to be taken in March; Entertainment General Conference, Entertainment Annual Conference (20 cents) and Permanent Fund, to be taken in May; Delegates' Expenses to General Conference, to be taken in July. Pastors are expected to take a free-will offering for Evansville Junior College this year, instead of the assessed claim of fifteen cents per member as in the past. Pastors and societies are urged to cooperate in the plan of sending in the claims to the treasurer as early in the year as possible, and especially prior to the convening of the next session.

CONFERENCE TREASURER

R. G. Wilkin, Crown Point, Indiana.

CONFERENCE SECRETARY

E. A. Tapper, 15215 Center avenue, Harvey, Illinois.

CONFERENCE SUNDAY-SCHOOL SECRETARY

T. A. Bailey, 604 Windom street, Peoria, Illinois.

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTIC BOARD

E. G. Cryer, C. S. Huston, W. J. Bone, T. C. Wendell, M. N. Pierson.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Mrs. Ella L. MacGeary, president; Mrs. J. W. Hill, recording secretary; Mrs. John Harvey, corresponding secretary; Miss Bertha Rubeck, treasurer, Belvidere, Illinois; Mrs. E. G. Cryer, Junior superintendent.

OFFICERS OF THE OLD PEOPLE'S REST HOME, WOODSTOCK, ILLINOIS

W. P. Ferries, president; F. D. Brooke, secretary and treasurer, 105 South Lincoln avenue, Aurora, Illinois; J. D. Kelsey, manager; Mrs. J. D. Kelsey, matron.

OFFICERS OF THE CHICAGO INDUSTRIAL HOME FOR CHILDREN, WOODSTOCK, ILLINOIS

J. D. Kelsey, president; F. D. Brooke, secretary, 105 South Lincoln avenue, Aurora, Illinois; W. P. Ferries, superintendent and treasurer, 1132 Washington boulevard, Chicago, Illinois; Mrs. Alice Riddell, matron.

OFFICERS OF THE FREE METHODIST MINISTERS' MUTUAL AID SOCIETY

F. D. Brooke, president; J. D. Kelsey, vice-president; J. G. Rockenbach, secretary and treasurer, 1142 West 62nd street, Chicago, Illinois.

OFFICERS OF THE OLIVE BRANCH MISSION

D. S. Warner, president; Miss Mary J. Everhart, superintendent and treasurer, 2034 West Monroe street, Chicago, Illinois; W. A. Sellew, auditor and sub-treasurer; Miss Mabel Lane, secretary, 2034 West Monroe street, Chicago, Illinois.

ADVISORY BOARD TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WOODSTOCK HOMES

E. G. Cryer, C. S. Huston, W. J. Bone, Milton Pierson, John G. Rockenbach.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

J. D. Marsh,	W. P. Ferries,	J. D. Kelsey,
F. D. Brooke,	P. W. Newcomer,	W. M. Kelsey,
J. T. Taylor,	H. O. Hubbard,	John Harvey,
B. D. Fay,	J. G. Rockenbach,	E. G. Cryer,
Henry Lenz,	W. J. Bone,	R. G. Wilkin,
E. A. Tapper,	J. W. Hill,	D. W. Finch,
G. C. Mills,	J. R. Klein,	F. H. Siefkin,
B. R. Parks,	E. L. Klein,	E. F. Ward,
F. S. Parks,	Matthias Klein,	F. E. Bennett,
F. W. Caulkins,	George Mustard,	E. J. Franz,
C. S. Huston,	W. T. Loring,	C. W. Wade,
C. N. Schumaker,	S. H. Matthews,	T. J. Loring,
H. W. Hills,	T. A. Bailey,	A. L. Wright,
D. L. Lower,	J. E. Parry,	T. B. Arnold.

[Woman evangelist occupying a seat in this conference, Mrs. Kate Hill.]

DELEGATES

George W. Pike,	William Harper,	Rose Cox,
F. E. Howlett,	George S. Luttrell,	Amy Henderlite,
S. VanHecke,	R. B. McKee,	Harriet Winans,
Francis C. Black,	R. J. Huffman,	Lottie Orr,
A. F. Shockey,	Fred Hagedorn,	Laura Hall,
Frank Danielson,	Edward Foster,	Edith Landmark,
Milton Pierson,	G. A. Young,	Matie Nicholson,
H. L. K. Stokes,	Clarence Snively,	Emma Taylor,
W. J. Jackson,	Carrie Towers,	Bertha Rubeck,
*Emma Parry,	Clarence Swords,	Lillian C. Jensen.

2. Who are the stationing committee? G. W. Griffith, E. G. Cryer, C. S. Huston, W. J. Bone, H. L. K. Stokes, R. B. McKee, M. N. Pierson.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? None.

4. Who remain on trial? A. H. Fleming, M. F. Hayward, D. L. Fenwick.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? T. B. Arnold, upon his certificate of location granted by this conference.

6. Who are the deacons? F. W. Caulkins, D. L. Lower, J. E. Parry.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? None.

8. Who have located this year? None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? None.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? Samuel H. Matthews, Thomas J. Loring.

11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? David L. Fenwick, a probationer in the first year, from the Iowa conference.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? None.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.

15. Who have died this year? None.

*Reserve delegate, occupying seat part of time.

16. What is the number of church members? 1,072.
- 17-20. See statistics.
21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? S. H. Matthews, \$150; Mrs. A. W. Parry, \$100; T. J. Loring, \$50; Mrs. Sophia Fish, \$50.
24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.
25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Freeport, Illinois, beginning August 28, 1918.

MISCELLANEOUS

The fifty-eighth session of the Illinois annual conference was held in the Free Methodist church at Peoria, Illinois. By appointment of Bishop William Pearce, Rev. G. W. Griffith, of Greenville, Illinois, presided in an able and impartial manner and with eminent satisfaction to all. His sermons and addresses to the conference were highly appreciated. The Peoria society, with their pastor, Rev. T. A. Bailey and wife, entertained the conference in a very satisfactory manner.

An enthusiastic Sunday-school service was held during the session, the principal address being delivered by Rev. David L. Fenwick.

The W. F. M. S. held an inspiring service and were favored with an address by Mrs. Ella MacGeary, conference president.

There were several unique features in connection with this session, prominent among which were the return of Rev. T. B. Arnold to conference ranks after sustaining a local relation for some thirty-eight years, the fervor and enthusiasm manifested in the patriotic service held in connection with the report of the committee on "Our Country," and the presentation to W. A. Huston, class leader at Peoria, of the two volumes of Bishop Hogue's History of the Free Methodist Church, as a slight token of appreciation of his services as class leader since the organization of the society. This service was participated in by a number of the brethren, who had been his pastors in years gone by, J. D. Marsh making the presentation address.

The following appropriations were made from the conference mission fund: Harvey, \$40; Farmington, \$50; Cary, Algonquin and Crystal Lake, \$50; Three Oaks, Bunker Hill and Heston, \$35; Pekin, \$25; Galesburg, \$50; Fairbury, \$45.

The following appropriations were requested of the General Missionary Board: Galesburg, \$75; Three Oaks, Bunker Hill and Heston, \$40.

APPOINTMENTS

CHICAGO DISTRICT—E. G. CRYER, District Elder, 2113 Washington boulevard, Chicago, Illinois

Chicago, Central Church..	B. R. Parks, 2145 Lexington street, Chicago, Illinois
Chicago, Englewood..	J. G. Rockenbach, 1142 W. 62nd street, Chicago, "
Chicago, Humboldt Park..	F. S. Parks, 1708 Talman avenue, Chicago, "
Evanston.....	J. D. Marsh, 1814 Ridge avenue, Evanston, "
Aurora.....	F. D. Brooke, 105 S. Lincoln avenue, Aurora, "
Saint Charles.....	Henry Lenz, 96 W. Walnut street, Saint Charles, "
Melrose Park.....	David W. Finch, 606 15th avenue, Melrose Park, "
Glen Ellyn.....	W. M. Kelsey, Glen Ellyn, "
Harvey.....	E. A. Tapper, 15215 Center avenue, Harvey, "

B. D. Fay, financial agent Evansville Junior College, Evansville, Wisconsin; W. P. Ferries, superintendent of Chicago Industrial Home for Children, 1132 Washington boulevard, Chicago, Illinois; T. B. Arnold, field agent for Chicago Industrial Home for Children, 651 N. Pine avenue, Chicago, Illinois; E. F. Ward, missionary to India, Umbri Village, Pandharkawada, Yeotmal, India; F. E. Bennett, teacher in Evansville Junior College, Evansville, Wisconsin; Matthias Klein, evangelist, Glen Ellyn, Illinois.

ELGIN DISTRICT—C. S. HUSTON, District Elder, 609 West Lincoln avenue, Belvidere, Illinois

Elgin.....P. W. Newcomer, 63 Villa street, Elgin, Illinois
 Freeport and Ridott.....D. L. Lower, 24 American street, Freeport, "
 Rockford, Winnebago and South Beloit.....John Harvey, 1525 Elm street, Rockford, "
 Belvidere.....C. W. Wade, Belvidere, "
 Sycamore and South Burlington.....To be supplied
 Franklin Grove.....To be supplied
 Woodstock and Pleasant Valley.....Wilson T. Loring, Woodstock, Illinois
 Cary, Algonquin and Crystal Lake.....H. W. Hills, Algonquin, "

J. D. Kelsey, manager of Old People's Rest Home, Woodstock, Illinois;
 C. S. Huston, member of the Elgin district quarterly conference.

KNOX DISTRICT—C. S. HUSTON, District Elder

Knox and Rye.....F. H. Siefkin, Knox, Indiana
 Medaryville.....To be supplied
 Crown Point and Lowell.....R. G. Wilkin, Crown Point, Indiana
 Three Oaks, Bunker Hill and Heston.....E. L. Klein, Three Oaks, Michigan
 Springville, LaPorte and Stites Schoolhouse.....F. W. Caulkins

M. F. Hayward, left without appointment to attend school; Samuel H. Matthews, Thomas J. Loring, superannuated.

PEORIA DISTRICT—W. J. BONE, District Elder, 112 N. Underhill street, Peoria, Illinois

Peoria.....T. A. Bailey, 604 Windom street, Peoria, Illinois
 Farmington.....George C. Mills, Farmington, "
 Limestone.....C. N. Schumaker, R. R. 1, Peoria, "
 East Peoria, Deer Creek and Bethel.....
Albert H. Fleming, 526 E. Washington street, East Peoria, "
 Pekin.....Mrs. Kate Hill, supply, Pekin, "
 Fairbury.....J. R. Klein, 111 W. Maple street, Fairbury, "
 Morris and Joliet.....D. L. Fenwick, Morris, "
 Kempton and Mona.....To be supplied

Edward J. Franz, left without appointment according to paragraph 116 of the Discipline; W. J. Bone, member of Peoria district quarterly conference.

KEWANEE DISTRICT—W. J. BONE, District Elder

Kewanee and Galva.....Joseph W. Hill, 106 E. First street, Kewanee, Illinois
 Sheffield and Atkinson.....H. O. Hubbard, Sheffield, "
 New Bedford and Zion Schoolhouse.....A. L. Wright, New Bedford, "
 Rock Island.....George Mustard, 1520 Ninth avenue, Rock Island, "
 Galesburg.....J. E. Parry, corner Ohio and South streets, Galesburg, "

J. T. Taylor, missionary to India, Yeotmal, Province of Berar, India.

LOCAL ELDERS

C. S. Spaulding.....Elgin, Illinois T. C. Wendell, Central Church, Chi-
 J. T. Merry, Humboldt Park, Chicago, cago, Illinois
 Illinois J. M. Woodard.....Rockford, Illinois
 J. H. Keyte.....Woodstock, Illinois J. A. J. Tannehill.....Knox, Indiana

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Mrs. F. D. Brooke,	Mrs. W. B. Rose,	Miss Clara Burdick,
Mrs. T. C. Wendell,	Mrs. Kate Hill,	Mrs. J. S. MacGeary,
Mrs. W. J. Bone,	Mrs. E. L. Klein,	Miss A. P. Carpenter,
Mrs. J. T. Merry,	Mrs. B. C. Beezley,	Mrs. J. W. Hill,
Miss Bertha Rubeck,	Mrs. Sarah A. Cooke,	Henry Everetts.

DEACONESS

Susie Grace Osborne...Rock Island, Illinois

TREASURER'S REPORT

CONFERENCE MISSIONS—*Receipts*: Balance on hand, \$6.58; received from circuits, \$273.52; total, \$280.10. *Paid out*: E. L. Klein, \$35.00; G. C. Mills, \$40.00; J. R. Klein, \$45.00; J. E. Parry, \$50.00; Catherine Hill, \$35.00; H. W. Hills, \$20.00; W. T. Loring, \$15.00; treasurer, \$25.00; postage and expense, \$1.50; E. A. Tapper, secretary, \$10.00; total, \$276.50. *On hand*: \$3.60.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT—Assessed and paid, \$105.20.

CHURCH EXTENSION—Assessed and paid, \$105.20.

EVANSVILLE SEMINARY—Assessed and paid, \$157.80.

PERMANENT FUND—Assessed and paid, \$52.60.

GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES' EXPENSES—Assessed and paid, \$52.60.

GENERAL CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT—Assessed and paid, \$21.04.

GENERAL MISSIONS—Assessed and paid, \$157.80.

BISHOPS' SALARIES—Assessed and paid, \$189.36.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS—Assessed and paid, \$526.00.

EDUCATIONAL FUND—\$1.26.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL FUND—\$6.00.

CHILDREN'S FUND—\$5.84.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON FINANCIAL EFFICIENCY

FOR LOCAL CIRCUITS.—There can be no question regarding the great need of a more practical financial efficiency in our local church work. The comparatively small salaries paid, the deficiencies in conference collections, the unpaid bills among the merchants, the empty church treasuries, all speak loudly the pressing need for a greater financial efficiency and for the adoption of an improved system that will do away with the continual pleading for funds to bring up deficiencies in the various church funds.

It is an encouraging sign to observe that there is an awakening among the people, with a desire for better things. By careful analysis of our work we may discover certain well-defined causes which underlie this lack of efficient business methods on many of our circuits. We note,

First. The lack of any well-defined financial system made use of by the pastor and official board. The old haphazard, free-will offering plan is allowed to exist and to drag on with very unsatisfactory results.

Second. Failure to work the plan that may have been adopted and which might produce favorable results if carefully worked. The first is a failure to plan the work, and the second to work the plan.

Third. Disproportionate giving among the members. Many of our people have not been educated to give as the Lord has prospered them, but give from a cold-hearted, legal sense, and often those best able to give do not pay any more than some who are not so able.

Fourth. Opposition in some quarters by some pastors to any improved plan of giving or of raising church finances.

We also believe there are some underlying principles which, if adopted,

would help solve the difficulty which we are grappling with. We would recommend most heartily for all our people, the ministry and laity:

1. *The tithing system.* This system reasonably interpreted and faithfully adhered to by all would provide all the funds generally needed in a most practical, equitable, progressive and up-to-date manner. This is the ideal way of keeping account with God. At least a tenth of our income should be held sacred for God's cause.

2. *The budget system.* This plan of raising and maintaining church finances we believe is best suited to meet the needs of our circuits along with the tithing plan, and wherever this system is faithfully adopted and strenuously held to we believe it will prove most helpful and satisfactory. Many encouraging reports are given by circuits which have given this ideal plan a trial. And we most heartily urge our pastors to put this system in operation just as soon as possible.

3. *Faithful execution* of the details connected with the clerical work which necessarily goes along with a system like this. No plan will work itself, but must be worked, and much depends upon the careful working out of the details.

The committee respectfully recommends that this conference elect a chairman of a committee for next year to be known as "The Committee on Efficient Stewardship," and also recommends that said committee arrange for a public service to be devoted to the matter of local church efficiency, to be held in connection with the next session of conference.

We would call attention to paragraph 161 of our Book of Discipline, warning the people of the evil of covetousness and withholding of their means from supporting the gospel, and especially we would call the attention of our pastors to the same paragraph which makes it their duty to "urge upon all systematic and proportionate giving, and to preach upon the same, encouraging our people to tithe their incomes."

We would also call attention to paragraph 216 on support of preachers in charge of circuits and commend its provision to the special consideration of our official members.

REPORTING OF PASTORS' SALARIES.—In order to obtain unity in the pastoral reports in the matter of salaries received, we recommend that the reports be given in the following order and items: First, the amount paid on the salary set by the official board; second, appropriation made by the annual conference; total of salary. The report of presents shall be optional with the pastor. All moneys received outside of the amount fixed by the official board and that appropriated by the annual conference shall not be reported as salary.

UNIFORMITY IN REPORT OF DISTRICT ELDERS.—We recommend that the district elders report amount of salary received and that it appear opposite their names in the column headed, "Elder's Support," giving also number and valuation of district parsonage with estimated rental of same.

We further recommend that the general conference at its next session make provision for such report in printed blanks for statistical reports of preachers.

II.—ON REFORMS

We believe our forefathers caught the true vision of reform, so that after nearly sixty years we do not feel like changing in the least on any of our issues. They challenged the world, the flesh and the devil. Through the passing years this war has been waged, victories have been won, and the end is not yet, nor shall it be until the last enemy of God and country shall be put down "and the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea."

The church of Jesus Christ is the great power of reform and of regeneration of righteousness and of true holiness, insomuch that to be true to her principles we must be true reformers, standing against every evil, no matter how unpopular it may make us. Right shall win; though buried deep, it shall rise again.

The Liquor Traffic.—This nefarious enemy of right, of home, of state and of nation must be put down and shall be, because the people are aroused to action and our people have had a great part in this fight in the past; they have been loyal and we believe will continue to be until the enemy shall be beaten back to its native hell. Twenty-four dry states, and there is a going in the top of the mulberry trees—more coming. In one great struggle the North helped to free the South of slavery, and now they are going to help us to break the yoke of drink.

John Barleycorn must die. He is dangerously ill; the attending physicians are endeavoring to prolong his life but admit there is no hope; the end is near, the death rattle is in the throat; the pulse is weak; he must die. The largest straight whisky distillery in the world is for sale, and national prohibition is near. May God hasten the day when the whole world shall be free from rum.

Secret Societies.—We reaffirm all that has been said at previous sessions concerning this false religion which has become so prevalent in our land, and one of the most dangerous foes to civil liberty. We believe the system to be inimical to our institutions and a curse to our country. We urge our people to keep their vow they have made the church, namely, to "abstain from connection with all secret societies." We would likewise urge the pastors to demand of those who would come among us that they leave their secret societies and have no connection with the same. "If they say unto you, he is in the secret chamber, believe it not."

Remember Him who said, "In secret I have ^{said} ~~done~~ nothing." Also, "Men love darkness rather than light because their deeds are evil."

Romanism.—A tireless, relentless and bloody enemy is in the land under the above name. This system of religion is both political and religious. While we may deplore the superstition of Rome, we need most to fear it politically, and would urge all our people to be careful and in no wise cast a vote for a Catholic, for we believe them to be the sworn enemy to our public school system, to free speech and to free press. While she is losing her hold in foreign lands, it seems to us that she is getting a great hold on our nation. May God save us from the cruel clutch of the Roman hierarchy, this great anti-Christ, and the enemy of Jesus Christ. Do you know she would establish the inquisition here in our land if she could? And yet too many of our sickly Protestants want to shake hands over the Smithfield fires, St. Bartholomew massacre, the Spanish and Mexican Inquisition, and welcome this alien power to our shores. We should heed our Washington's advice and "put none but Americans on guard."

Dress.—We call attention to our excellent Book of Discipline, page 34, paragraph 71. We insist on the rules concerning dress. This is no time to give encouragement to superfluity of apparel. Therefore, receive none into the church until they have left off superfluous ornaments.

1. Every one who has charge of a circuit shall read Mr. Wesley's sermon on dress at least once a year in every society.

2. In meeting the class, be very mild but very strict.

3. Allow no exempt cases; better one suffer than many.

I think we should urge also that our people be not led away with ungodly fashions, for the strong tendency is that folks do not put on enough dress rather than too much.

We would urge our people to be very careful. Dress plainly, neatly and modestly.

Divorce.—This is evidently one of the most prevalent evils of the day, and divorces are on the increase to such an extent that thinking people are alarmed and are wondering what shall be done to remedy this evil. We would urge all our people, and all Christians, to do all in their power to create a public sentiment in favor of the same standard for both sexes, and also to do all in their power to sanctify the marriage and social relations.

Then we believe there is much room for reform among us as Free Methodists. We need to live up to the Bible and to our Book of Discipline more

fully. We fear that many times there is not that deep, intelligent, inward holiness there should be, and that our preachers do not preach holiness as much as they should. And often believers are not urged to seek holiness as soon as they should, we fear.

Tobacco.—We deplore the fact that our soldier boys by the thousands are being supplied with this poison free, and that the great majority of the boys use this filthy weed and use it in the very worst form, namely the cigarette. We also deplore the fact that many professing to be Christians everywhere use this poisoning weed.

We also deplore the fact of so much Sabbath desecration, automobile pleasure riding, the Sunday newspaper. We note with displeasure that some of our good people allow the Sunday newspaper to come to their homes, and not only so, but pay for the same. Such things should not be.

We might mention the death and carnage of war; the graft and combinations to get rich by boosting the price of practically every commodity of life, and many of them to such a high price as to almost prohibit their use.

We note with pleasure that our President and Congress are endeavoring to give us some relief and that conservation of foodstuffs is being agitated everywhere. God has been pleased in His wise providence to grant us a great crop of wheat and oats, and the corn crop is very promising. For all these things we are very thankful to Almighty God.

There are many other things we might mention and one more thing we must mention. We feel that something should be done for our struggling pastors in a substantial way. If we can pay our bishops, our missionaries, our general evangelists, our editors, why not in some way assist our pastors?

The pastor is the man behind the gun, the man who must collect all the claims generally, and the man who is blamed if all claims are not raised—the claims our general and annual conference may assess, the claims the quarterly conference may assess, the district elders' claims, and see that all local expenses are met in full, and yet, strange as it may seem, many times he or she is not appreciated and not paid as they should be.

Now we are going to suggest a few things to help remedy this. In the first place, all our official boards should be exhorted by the district elders to set the pastors' salaries high enough so they may at least live without too much care. Again we suggest, inasmuch as our pastors are expected to attend our camp meetings and to bring their families, that some provision be made to meet the extra expense incidental to the same. This year some of our pastors could not possibly attend our camp meetings; they wanted to, they ought to have done so, they were needed and needy, but were forced to remain at home because there was no provision made for them, and some who did go were so hard pressed they must borrow money to get home. We believe the time has come when in our conference something must be done.

As it has become a custom at least in some of the districts to pay a part of the district elder's claim at camp meeting, we suggest that the elders be paid on the circuits and that they be paid a good salary, an increased salary; then at camp meeting let the pastors and the district elder all be paid an amount that will cover the care of the family, the tent rent and other extra expense. This can be done if it is properly and unselfishly brought before our loyal laymen. Many of our lay people have the welfare of our pastors at heart and we believe will support such a move in the interest of the work of God. This has been done and now is being done in some of the conferences with success and is being pushed by some of the loyal laymen and the district elders to the encouragement of the pastors and a blessing to the camp meeting and to the laymen.

Finally, let us hold fast to the truth as taught by the Word of God and preached by our fathers. Our only hope of success is that our preachers preach holiness, not preach about it, but preach holiness, clear and strong, having the experience themselves and urging all believers to go in at once and possess the land promised to them and to their children, and to all them that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

III.—ON CHARITIES

Charity has been properly defined as, "Love, benevolence, and good will," or, "Love in action." The very essence of Bible Christianity is to "minister unto others." "Whoso hath this world's good and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?" (1 John 3:17). "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world" (James 1:27). The gracious invitation of the King to "inherit the kingdom prepared from the foundation of the world" on the day of final reckoning, is to those who have given meat to the hungry, drink to the thirsty, friendship and shelter to the stranger, clothing to the naked and visitations to the sick and imprisoned. Those upon whom the curse falls are nonresponsive to the needs as before expressed. This done, for which reward is to be had, as an expression of true benevolence is one phase of applied Christianity. The figures of "salt" and "light" are most appropriate as applied to the real spirit of the Christian. Both "salt" and "light" are useless only as they have something to give out. Christianity, whether in the individual or collectively, is a misnomer when giving nothing out. Assuming that the membership of the Free Methodist church is of genuine Christian character, it has, through organized methods, made provision to direct the benevolences of the people to certain approved institutions in such a manner as will assist materially in their maintenance.

The General Missionary Board with the superintendent of the Gerry and Woodstock Homes constitutes the "Board of Charities and Benevolences." This board meets annually in Chicago and receives reports from such institutions as are upon the accredited list. The following institutions have the approval of said board: The Gerry Homes of Gerry, New York; the Woodstock Homes at Woodstock, Illinois, and the Kansas City Life Line Mission, Kansas City, Kansas. Those officially appointed to visit these institutions during the year 1916-17 and report to the board at its annual meeting this fall are Bishop William Pearce for the Gerry Homes, W. B. Olmstead for the Homes at Woodstock and Bishop W. A. Sellw for the Kansas City Homes. The Discipline makes it the duty of each pastor to preach a sermon at least once a year at each appointment on his charge where a class has been organized on the subject of "practical charity," and to take a collection for the poor, to be used for their relief, if such there be on the circuit where the collection was taken; if not, it shall be sent to some accredited institution in whose patronizing territory the collection is taken. All charges within the bounds of the Illinois conference constitute a portion of the patronizing territory of the Woodstock Homes.

At its last session the Board of Charities and Benevolences ordered that an Easter offering be taken for these three worthy institutions, and that an announcement of and appeal for the same be made through the *Free Methodist* by W. B. Olmstead and Bishop W. A. Sellw, and by Mrs. Emma Hogue through the *Missionary Tidings*. The purpose of your committee in dwelling so at length upon the Disciplinary phase of the subject is that the conference may see that our charitable institutions are receiving careful attention and supervision by the church through her highest official representatives. This, we think, should operate in such a manner as to inspire confidence in the institutions and be an effective stimulus to more liberal contributions to these homes of assembled charity subjects. Since our conference constitutes a part of the officially authorized patronizing territory of the Homes at Woodstock, Illinois, we would reaffirm our confidence in the good work that is being done by them, in urging upon every pastor the importance of complying with the Disciplinary requirements in preaching at least once a year upon "practical charity" and in directing as far as may be practicable the benevolent offerings of the people toward the Woodstock Homes. To assure a more effective compliance with these recommendations, we urge all our people, pastors and laity, to consult frequently paragraphs of the Discipline 161(19) and 216(5).

Illinois Conference

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE ILLINOIS CONFERENCE

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers and Evangelists	Copies of "Free Methodists"	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars (Number Disbursed)	Members in Home Department	Names on Cradle Roll	Total Enrollment	General Conference (Assessed Claims)	Foreign Missions	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Educational Fund	Raised for Sunday School Expenses
Chicago District	E. G. Cryer, D. E.																
Chicago, Central Church.	E. K. Parks.	31	9	40	89	18	1	12	150	12	16	162	83 60	\$ 127 40	\$ 287 92	\$.	\$ 205 92
Chicago, Englewood	E. D. Brooke.	38	8	46	45	11	1	11	75	10	12	114	42 00	65 00	35 50	1 36	60 16
Chicago, Humboldt Park.	F. S. Parks.	34	8	42	43	10	1	10	97	10	8	137	35 70	48 54	25 00	8 40	98 67
Chicago, Madison	F. A. Capper.	42	4	46	43	11	1	16	73	40	20	137	42 00	14 04	48 73	2 92	73 37
Chicago, West Side	F. A. Capper.	34	1	35	41	11	1	10	9	40	5	59	38 85	2 92	88 00	5 00	53 26
Chicago, West Side	F. W. Hill.	47	10	57	41	14	1	14	80	8	14	111	52 50	137 00	137 00	5 00	64 83
Chicago, West Side	F. E. Bennett.	31	1	32	38	9	1	15	58	44	7	124	35 70	4 00	47 33	5 00	89 30
Chicago, West Side	Matthias Klein.	26	2	28	3	10	1	10	62	8	19	99	27 30	4 00	123 80	3 90	130 52
Chicago, West Side	W. T. Loring, D. E.	21	4	25	3	8	1	10	62	8	19	99	31 44	17 28	-63 01	102 06	102 06
Elgin District	C. S. Huston, D. E.																
Elgin	C. S. Huston.	30	1	31	31	1	1	6	40	25	6	77	31 50	20 00	12 00	1 36	52 20
Elgin	R. D. Lower.	52	15	67	67	16	1	16	60	1	13	102	45 50	20 00	9 17	8 40	56 00
Elgin	D. L. Lower.	38	8	46	3	2	12	23	5	2	18	30	32 00	10 60	10 62	2 85	42 85
Elgin	George Mustard.	26	1	27	2	10	1	10	23	38	5	145	32 50	10 00	78 41	5 00	37 96
Elgin	C. S. Huston.	31	6	37	5	10	1	15	30	38	5	135	12 60	13 00	13 00	1 55	28 00
Elgin	W. M. Kelsey.	12	1	13	1	3	1	4	10	10	14	18	12 60	8 15	13 00	1 55	15 62
Elgin	H. H. Hillis.	1	1	2	2	3	1	4	10	10	14	18	12 60	8 15	13 00	1 55	15 62
Elgin	C. S. Huston.	2	2	4	2	3	1	4	10	10	14	18	12 60	8 15	13 00	1 55	15 62
Knox District	C. S. Huston, D. E.																
Knox and Knox	C. S. Huston.	37	1	38	2	5	1	7	30	14	8	59	39 00	20 00	41 00	5 70	44 70
Knox and Knox	H. O. Hubbard.	26	4	30	1	13	2	13	55	11	11	78	31 50	10 00	133 87	4 50	37 36
Knox and Knox	D. W. Finch.	44	3	47	2	13	1	13	90	58	10	171	46 20	17 85	23 85	6 90	138 42
Knox and Knox	F. H. Sletkin.	23	6	29	2	4	1	10	32	11	10	63	17 85	10 00	23 85	1 95	36 25
Knox and Knox	E. L. Klein.	12	1	13	1	1	1	1	32	11	10	63	17 85	10 00	23 85	1 95	36 25
Knox and Knox	C. S. Huston.	46	10	56	2	8	2	20	152	74	14	260	49 15	7 05	83 25	5 70	54 85
Peoria District	W. J. Bone, D. E.																
Peoria	T. A. Bailey.	11	13	24	13	2	1	16	70	19	25	126	14 30	7 05	83 25	5 70	90 00
Peoria	G. C. Mills.	16	7	23	1	3	1	16	70	19	25	126	14 30	7 05	83 25	5 70	90 00
Peoria	C. N. Schumaker.	30	7	37	2	13	1	16	40	30	25	168	23 10	16 00	15 00	75 00	82 50
Peoria	A. H. Fleming.	40	12	52	1	7	1	9	40	30	25	168	23 10	16 00	15 00	75 00	82 50
Peoria	Mrs. K. E. Hill.	25	3	28	1	10	1	10	52	19	13	96	30 45	4 00	4 00	44 20	44 20
Peoria	D. R. Bonwick.	35	3	38	1	15	1	15	40	19	9	99	24 15	54 02	54 02	4 35	54 00
Peoria	D. R. Bonwick.	35	3	38	1	15	1	15	40	19	9	99	24 15	54 02	54 02	4 35	54 00
Peoria	A. L. Wright.	14	1	15	1	4	2	9	50	5	50	16 80	12 00	2 40	12 00	2 40	27 50
Kewanee District	W. J. Bone, D. E.																
Kewanee and Kewanee	H. O. Hubbard.	43	8	51	2	12	1	8	60	8	20	96	44 10	2 00	31 30	1 65	33 77
Kewanee and Kewanee	J. G. Rothenbach.	45	6	51	1	9	2	14	100	15	18	147	44 10	10 00	84 10	1 65	121 02
Kewanee and Kewanee	F. E. W. Caulkins.	43	10	53	...	17	2	13	73	50	18	104	39 90	36 73	18 00	...	32 23
Kewanee and Kewanee	J. E. Parry.	15	12	27	...	1	1	4	50	...	15	75	12 60	...	...	...	35 41
Galesburg	J. E. Parry.	107	150	257	39	284	39	323	2016	487	384	3207	\$1090 80	\$ 361 96	\$ 2037 81	\$57 41	\$1987 36
Total.				1222													

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CHARGE	Raised in Sunday School Missions	Raised for Children's Fund	Raised for General S. Board	Raised for Annual Conference Sunday School Board	Raised in Sunday School for All Other Benevolences	Total Amount Raised in Sunday School	Conference Missions	Pastors' Support	Parsonage Rent	Ministers' Support	Evangelists' Support	Incidentals	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
Chicago District																
Chicago, Central Church.....	\$ 45 82	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 251 74	\$ 20 80	\$ 908 00	\$ 240	\$ 902 74	\$ 132 00	\$ 984 57	1	\$ 9000	1	\$ 3000
Chicago, Englewood.....	4 89	1 78	4 00	4 00	4 00	139 06	10 49	795 77	140	202 00	.....	157 96	1	9000	1	2500
Chicago, Humboldt Park.....	17 70	7 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	139 06	10 49	795 77	140	196 00	.....	157 96	1	9000	1	2500
Irvington.....	11 82	2 28	4 00	4 00	4 00	106 86	10 40	760 00	240	94 00	.....	585 58	1	8000	1	6000
St. Charles.....	37 93	4 10	2 50	2 50	2 50	70 16	9 62	555 00	200	92 50	.....	255 00	1	7000	1	3 40
Melrose Park.....	20 00	8 84	2 00	1 50	47 02	106 86	13 00	550 00	150	120 00	10 00	344 78	1	3700	1	2200
Gen. Elynn.....	40 96	8 84	2 00	2 00	179 32	179 32	8 84	600 00	240	81 60	64 00	312 00	1	5000	1	2000
Harvey.....	17 28	2 06	1 67	1 67	128 83	128 83	6 24	506 75	180	57 60	15 00	100 00	1	2800	1	2000
Elgin District																
Elgin.....	3 90	3 42	1 00	1 00	40 52	40 52	7 80	198 93	240	556 65	.....	94 50	1	8000	1	3500
Freeport and Ridott.....	.....	1 50	75	75	55 84	55 84	11 18	795 77	150	72 00	.....	282 53	1	3200	1	2200
Rockford, Winnebago, So. Beloit	.....	1 00	1 39	1 39	18 90	77 29	14 56	884 21	240	137 20	224 18	303 50	1	2000	1	4500
Belvidere.....	.....	68	.....	.....	1 00	26 00	4 95	94 00	120	45 60	.....	259 82	1	3000	1	2500
Woodstock and Pleasant Valley	8 38	.....	.....	.....	47 83	137 13	13 00	615 00	240	120 00	.....	317 73	1	3500	1	3500
Carly, Algonquin, Crystal Lake.	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	39 38	3 12	566 00	156	31 53	20 00	167 53	1	3800	1	4000
Sycamore and So. Burlington.	.....	.....	2 08	2 08	7 00	24 70	3 72	.....	.....	3 50	.....	60 82	1	4000	1	1500
Franklin Grove.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	800	.....	.....
Knox District																
Knox and Ryer.....	30 00	.....	2 50	2 50	3 27	83 27	9 88	250 55	85	76 00	.....	192 95	1	3500	1	1000
Camden and Lowell.....	.....	.....	3 00	3 00	.....	42 36	7 80	660 00	150	60 00	.....	115 00	1	2000	1	2000
Springville, L. Portland Station.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	154 42	11 44	468 35	72	88 00	107 00	336 33	1	2000	1	2000
Three Oaks, Bunker Hill, Heston	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	36 25	4 42	336 30	80	34 00	22 00	74 11	1	650	.....	.....
Medaryville.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 88	.....	.....	32 40	.....	15 50	1	1500	.....	.....
Peoria District																
Peoria.....	1 95	2 35	75	1 65	.....	96 70	12 22	721 75	216	494 16	62 50	449 00	2	8000	1	4500
Farmington.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18 55	3 88	200 00	120	33 85	1 92	83 50	1	3000	1	3000
Limestone.....	5 00	2 00	50	50	5 00	88 90	3 00	460 00	40	46 00	23 00	1200 00	1	1000	1	2000
East Peoria, Deer Creek, Bethel	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	32 56	5 72	371 00	120	57 20	33 60	349 14	1	4000	2	2500
Pekin.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	30 20	79 45	4 42	350 00	.....	37 00	53 00	147 53	1	3500	1	3500
Fairbury.....	6 49	1 55	78	78	.....	35 00	7 54	350 00	190	45 00	26 00	167 53	1	3500	1	3500
Morris and Joliet.....	.....	.....	2 00	2 00	3 00	48 06	6 24	350 00	144	63 31	35 00	167 53	1	3500	1	3500
Kempton and Mena.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	27 50	4 16	365 00	135	41 60	35 00	243 47	1	2500	1	1350
Kewanee District																
Kewanee and Galva.....	2 22	1 17	60	60	.....	28 36	10 92	613 71	180	109 44	.....	258 45	2	8 00	1	5000
Rock Island.....	12 00	2 00	1 76	1 76	5 50	144 04	10 92	508 96	240	109 20	.....	336 00	1	8000	1	4000
Sheffield, Atkinson, New Bedford	4 90	2 50	.....	.....	18 75	58 47	9 88	633 00	96	98 80	.....	544 47	3	3600	2	1400
Galesburg.....	6 66	.....	32	32	5 00	47 71	3 12	488 00	.....	47 46	81 90	145 08	1	3600	2	1400
Total.....	\$203 04	\$38 21	\$21 64	\$30 01	\$410 20	\$2780 46	\$262 57	\$16172 18	\$ 4845	\$2647 90	\$1004 05	\$10141 22	48	\$141750	83	\$76350

NORTH MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Forty-second Annual Session, held
at Manton, Michigan, August 7-11, 1917

OFFICERS

WILLIAM PEARCE, *President*

J. A. HUDNUTT, *Secretary*

C. A. WATSON, *Assistant Secretary*

D. G. BRIGGS, *Treasurer*

D. G. BRIGGS, *Railroad Secretary*

GLENN W. BODINE, *Sabbath-school Secretary*

COMMITTEES

On Nominations—J. A. Watson, J. E. Sanders, J. W. Archer, A. G. Hartle.

On Public Worship—William Pearce, J. A. Watson, A. G. Hartle, J. W. Archer, J. E. Sanders, O. A. Kester.

On Publications—Quitman Smith, C. A. Watson, Elizabeth Bayliss.

On Temperance—O. A. Kester, Edmund Drew, Charles Phelps.

On Reforms—A. L. Howlett, L. C. Fletcher, William Grinage.

On Education—Mark Bigelow, Glenn Bodine, Peter White.

On Sabbath-schools—G. A. McGrath, J. Leroy Hazeldine, Hope Seaman.

On Charities—J. B. Griswold, J. N. Bodine, Duncan McPhee.

On Tithing—J. A. Watson, H. D. F. Gaffin, James Nicloy.

On State of the Work—The board of conference evangelism.

On Memoirs—J. A. Watson, W. H. Bodine, A. G. Hartle.

On Auditing the Treasurer's Books—Dora Iul, Estelle White.

On Examining Quarterly Conference Records—H. D. F. Gaffin, J. A. Allen, J. Fred Iul.

On Raising Money to Publish the Minutes—A. L. Haywood.

To Publish the Minutes—The secretary.

On Entertainment—O. A. Kester, Duncan McPhee, B. T. Hicks.

On Keeping Circuit Records—H. D. F. Gaffin, C. A. Watson.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

D. G. Briggs, president; J. A. Hudnutt, treasurer; J. E. Sanders, secretary; Daniel Persley, Peter White.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

G. W. Kiffer, president, preliminary and those wishing to be ordained local deacons or elders, term expires 1921; J. Fred Iul, first year, term expires 1918; B. T. Hicks, secretary, fourth year, term expires 1919; H. A. DeLong, second year, term expires 1922; Mark Bigelow, third year, term expires 1920.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Publications—J. N. Bodine,

On Secret Societies—D. G. Briggs,

On Temperance—B. T. Hicks,

On Reforms—H. D. F. Gaffin,

On Education—J. F. Iul,

On Sabbath-schools—A. L. Howlett,

On Charities—A. L. Haywood,

On Tithing—L. T. Morrison,

On State of the Work—The board of conference evangelism.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

J. E. Sanders, president, Cadillac, Michigan; D. G. Briggs, treasurer, Ludington, Michigan; J. A. Watson, secretary, Manton, Michigan; O. A. Kester, Manton, Michigan; Frank Seiting, Kalkaska, Michigan; Peter White, Evart, Michigan.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Conference Missions (15 cents), to be paid to the district elders and by them to be paid out to necessitous cases on their respective districts subject to the approval of the quarterly conference, General Missions; second quarter, Church Extension, Permanent Fund, General Conference Expense Fund; third quarter, Bishops' Salaries; fourth quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund, collection for Spring Arbor school (10 cents).

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Ida Tyrell, president, Ithaca, Michigan; Clara Stewart, first vice-president, Manton, Michigan; Hattie Gaffin, second vice-president, Coopersville, Michigan; Maud Watson, recording secretary, Big Rapids, Michigan; Arletta Briggs, treasurer, Ludington, Michigan; Cora Austin, corresponding secretary, Boyne City, Michigan; Dora Iul, superintendent of Junior work, Belding, Michigan; Arletta Briggs, superintendent of boxes.

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J. E. Sanders, president, Cadillac, Michigan; C. A. Watson, secretary, Big Rapids, Michigan; J. Fred Iul, treasurer, Belding, Michigan; N. A. McBrian, Manton, Michigan; Peter White, Evart, Michigan.

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE MINISTERS' MUTUAL AID SOCIETY

J. N. Bodine, president, St. Louis, Michigan; C. A. Watson, secretary and treasurer, Big Rapids, Michigan; J. A. Watson, B. T. Hicks, M. Bigelow, T. F. Huff, A. G. Hartle, G. W. Cappy, C. H. Bartlett, W. B. Huff, A. L. Haywood, G. W. Bodine, Thomas Baynton, P. M. Cox, D. Skanes, A. A. Thompson, Quitman Smith, G. W. Kiffer, J. Fred Iul, J. B. Griswold, A. Disbrow, J. Leroy Hazeldine, Isaac Watson, L. C. Fletcher, H. C. Austin, L. D. Bodine, L. T. Morrison, J. W. Archer, Ora Beebe, A. L. Howlett, Ellis Mellott, H. D. F. Gaffin, G. A. McGrath, C. W. Arrand, M. L. Gay, J. A. Hudnutt.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

G. H. Joslin,
H. D. F. Gaffin,
L. T. Jacokes,
F. A. Smith,
A. G. Hartle,
D. G. Briggs,
W. A. Caywood,
B. W. McKibbin,
J. L. Hazeldine,
J. A. Hudnutt,
W. H. Bodine,
E. Thirkettle,
E. M. Russell,
J. E. Sanders,
W. B. Huff,
C. H. Harding,
J. A. Watson,
Edmund Drew,

T. H. Baynton,
E. C. Bigelow,
B. T. Hicks,
Mark Bigelow,
G. H. Akins,
Glenn W. Bodine,
C. A. Watson,
J. B. Griswold,
T. M. Gallup,
L. C. Fletcher,
G. W. Kiffer,
G. A. McGrath,
Hugh Rose,
C. H. Bartlett,
A. L. Haywood,
J. N. Bodine,
G. W. Cappy,
H. C. Austin,
E. A. Walt.

O. A. Kester,
J. W. Archer,
L. H. Hahn,
Ellis Mellott,
W. A. Feighner,
C. G. Miller,
Quitman Smith,
T. F. Huff,
A. A. Thompson,
Allen P. Mead,
J. Fred Iul,
H. Allen DeLong,
Arthur Disbrow,
J. Leroy Hazeldine,
Orris Scott,
M. L. Gay,
L. D. Bodine,
Leroy T. Morrison,

DELEGATES

Peter White,
E. Pettifor,
Hope Seaman,
S. R. Plank,
A. S. Kinney,
L. C. Winans,
Dora Iulg,
M. Myers,
Estelle White,
Nelson McBrian,
James Fouts,
G. W. Kirby,
Duncan McPhee,
Grace Carpenter,
Frank Bradley,
Alex. Newland,
John Vanwagoner,

Liskie Townsend,
H. Hueson,
James Nicloy,
H. Howlett,
Elizabeth Bayliss,
S. Knowles,
Francis Spaulding,
Sabin Hutchins,
Addie Page,
William Grinage,
E. Degrote,
Sophia Durphy,
R. P. Johnson,
Charles Phelps,
Eliza Cole,
Hattie Beebe,
Henry Syer.

Emma Drew,
Daniel Persley,
J. A. Allen,
Sarah Gallup,
Lester Webb,
G. W. Merrifield,
Clyde Dan,
Christina Leach,
William Orr,
Myrtle Hartle,
C. W. Johnson,
Ed. McDonald,
Emily Ruckle,
James Wood,
John Martin,
John Croff,

2. Who are the stationing committee? William Pearce, J. A. Watson, A. G. Hartle, J. E. Sanders, J. W. Archer, Peter White, William Grinage, Amos Kinney, Nelson A. McBrian.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? John Looman, Walter Lamer-son, William Strickler.

4. Who remain on trial? Charles Arrand, Isaac Watson, P. M. Cox, V. Ray Russell, Ora Beebe, David Lincicome, W. H. Jury, A. L. Howlett, Daniel Skanes, W. J. Angerer.

5. Who are admitted into full membership? M. L. Gay, Leroy T. Mor-ri-son, L. D. Bodine.

6. Who are the deacons? W. A. Feighner, Hugh Rose, G. H. Akins, Allen P. Mead, Arthur Disbrow, J. Leroy Hazeldine, Edmund Drew, H. C. Austin, Orris Scott.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? Glenn W. Bo-dine, H. Allen DeLong, J. Fred Iulg.

8. Who have located this year? J. A. Phillips, at his own request.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? W. A. Caywood, Edmund Drew, Hugh Rose, T. F. Huff, Allen P. Mead, Arthur Disbrow, David Lincicome.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? E. Thirkettle, C. G. Miller, E. C. Bigelow, B. W. McKibbin, T. Baynton, E. M. Russell, L. C. Fletcher, A. A. Thompson, L. T. Jacokes, G. H. Joslin, J. L. Hazeldine, T. M. Gallup, W. B. Huff, C. H. Harding.

11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? J. A. Phillips, from the East Michigan conference; E. A. Walt, from the Old Time Methodist church.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? E. F. Garter, from the conference and church; Sadie Pritchard, Nathan Pritchard, discon-tinued from the traveling connection, each at his own request.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? F. A. Smith.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? Except in the case of E. F. Garter, the character of each was considered and passed.

15. Who have died this year? God has called to their reward Wilber Glidden, from the Central Lake circuit, and George Humphreys, from the Kingsley circuit.

16-20. See statistical reports.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? Thomas Baynton, \$20; Julia Bearse, \$45; C. G. Miller, \$20; E. C. Bigelow, \$80; B. W. McKibbin, \$80; E. M. Russell, \$80; L. C. Fletcher, \$80; A. A. Thompson, \$20; Kittie Gallup, \$90; L. T.

Jacokes, \$25; G. H. Joslin, \$60; J. L. Hazeldine, \$50; T. M. Gallup, \$80; W. B. Huff, \$80; C. H. Harding, \$70; Minerva Snyder, \$80; Orpha Cope, \$45; Salome Lambertson, \$150. Total, \$1,155.

22. 23. What amounts are necessary for us to raise for delegates to the general conference, and what has been raised of the foregoing accounts? None.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Manton, Michigan, as near the nineteenth of August, 1918, as will be suitable to the plan of the bishops.

MISCELLANEOUS

The forty-second session of the North Michigan annual conference was held August 7 to 12, 1917, in connection with a camp meeting which began July 31st on the conference camp ground at Manton. From the beginning of the camp meeting to the close the presence of the Lord was manifest. The preaching and altar services were characterized by great earnestness and spirituality. A good number were at the altar as seekers of pardon and purity and in many cases the glowing testimonies given in the love-feasts gave evidence of the fact that they had found that for which they had sought.

Bishop William Pearce presided over the conference with ability. His talks to the conference at each sitting were instructive and inspiring, and his sermon Sabbath morning was indeed masterly. God certainly enabled him to speak with authority and our hearts burned within us as he broke to us the bread of life. In the afternoon a very profitable missionary meeting was held by the W. F. M. S. Sister MacGeary was present and gave the address, which was very interesting and seemed to inspire God's people with new zeal for missionary endeavor. At this meeting \$1,050 was raised in cash and subscriptions. Among the visiting brethren from other conferences were T. B. Arnold, W. B. Miller, H. O. Teft, and Lansing Mudge.

A very solemn memorial service was held in the afternoon, Rev. George Humphreys and Rev. Wilber Glidden having been called to their reward during the year. Following the memorial service Glenn W. Bodine, H. Allen DeLong and J. Fred Iulig were ordained elders, and just before the evening service M. L. Gay, Leroy T. Morrison, L. D. Bodine and Daniel Persley were ordained deacons.

Six harmonious sittings were held. The records of the past year contain some things encouraging and much which should cause us to go down on our faces before the Lord in deep humility, that the ensuing year may show greater results from our labors. The appointments were received with quite general satisfaction. In 1876 Rev. B. T. Roberts wrote in the *Earnest Christian* about the preachers of the North Michigan conference as follows: "It would be hard to find a more self-denying, earnest body of men working for Christ. They do not stop at obstacles. If they have no circuits, they make them. There is no trouble in making appointments for such men. They find a field of labor wherever they go. God is with them in great power. They have the old, apostolic fire." How well do we measure up to the afore-mentioned standards, brethren?

APPOINTMENTS

GRAND RAPIDS DISTRICT—H. D. F. GAFFIN, District Elder, Coopersville, Michigan

Grand Rapids....	B. T. Hicks, 1340 N. Union avenue, Grand Rapids, Michigan
Coopersville and County Line.....	G. W. Cappy, Coopersville, "
Sparta.....	W. H. Bodine, Sparta, "
Cedar Springs.....	M. L. Gay, Cedar Springs, "
Ravenna and Mooreland.....	W. H. Jury, Ravenna, "
Gregoryville and Bradley.....	W. H. Feighner, Bradley, "

Coral, Howard City and Morley.....G. H. Akins, Coral, Michigan
 Ensley and Pine Grove.....To be supplied
 Altona, Rushford and Brady Lake.....
Charles Arrand, Janette Arrand, supply, Altona, Michigan
 Lake View.....A. L. Howlett, Lake View, "
 Zeeland.....W. J. Angerer, Winnie Angerer, supply, Zeeland, "
 Courtland.....J. Leroy Hazeldine, R. F. D., Cedar Springs, "

G. H. Joslin, superannuated, Cedar Springs, Michigan; E. C. Bigelow, superannuated, R. F. D., Middleville, Michigan; L. T. Jacokes, superannuated, Lake View, Michigan; E. Thirkettle, superannuated, R. F. D., Morley, Michigan; Hugh Rose, supernumerary, Coral, Michigan; Allen P. Mead, supernumerary, R. F. D., Pierson, Michigan; W. A. Caywood, supernumerary, Cedar Springs, Michigan; Orris Scott, attending college, Greenville, Illinois; J. A. Phillips, given certificate of location at his own request, membership on the Coral and Howard City circuit; E. F. Garter, withdrawn from the conference and church.

IONIA DISTRICT—J. W. ARCHER, District Elder, Lowell, Michigan

Grand Ledge, Eagle, Johnson and Neadmore.....
A. L. Haywood, Mary Haywood, supply, Grand Ledge, Michigan
 Saranac and Lowell.....Ellis Mellott, Saranac, "
 Belding and OrleansJ. F. Iulg, 313 Ann street, Belding, "
 Mt. Pleasant, Richland, Clare and Farewell.....To be supplied
 Alma and Burns.....J. B. Griswold, Alma, Michigan
 St. Louis and County Line.....J. N. Bodine, St. Louis, "
 Elm Hall and Sumner.....Isaac Watson, Elm Hall, "
 Stanton, Evergreen and Westville.....William Strickler, Stanton, "
 Hastings.....G. W. Kiffer, Hastings, "
 Greenville and Fenwick.....H. E. Packard, supply, Greenville, "
 Morgan and Castleton.....L. H. Hahn, Morgan, "
 Sunfield, Shaytown and Gates.....C. H. Bartlett, Sunfield, "

C. H. Harding, superannuated, Greenville, Michigan; B. W. McKibbin, superannuated, R. F. D., Belding, Michigan; A. A. Thompson, superannuated; Edmund Drew, Arthur Disbrow, supernumerary; F. A. Smith, granted certificate of standing with a view to transfer.

BIG RAPIDS DISTRICT—A. G. HARTLE, District Elder, Manton, Michigan

Big Rapids and Stanwood.....C. A. Watson, Big Rapids, Michigan
 Woodville and River.....To be supplied
 Bristol and Ruckle.....To be supplied
 Evart.....Mark Bigelow, Evart, Michigan
 South Evart.....L. H. Morrison, R. F. D., Evart, "
 Fork and Sheridan.....
Quitman Smith, Nina Smith, supply, R. F. D., Barryton, "
 Rose Lake and Nogal Schoolhouse.....
H. L. Howlett, supply, R. F. D., Leroy, "
 Marion and Harding.....V. Ray Russell, Marion, "
 Cadillac.....J. E. Sanders, Cadillac, "
 Weidman and Wooden.....J. Looman, Weidman, "
 Ludington and Pentwater.....
D. G. Briggs, 318 N. Robert street, Ludington, "
 Scottville and Custer.....Glenn W. Bodine, Scottville, "
 Walkerville and Philo.....Pliny M. Cox, Walkerville, "
 Millbrook and Bloomfield.....Basil Dickerson, supply, Millbrook, "

E. M. Russell, superannuated, R. F. D., Walkerville, Michigan; W. B. Huff, superannuated, R. F. D., Marion, Michigan; L. C. Fletcher, superannuated, Spring Arbor, Michigan; David Lincicome, supernumerary, Scottville, Michigan.

GRAND TRAVERSE DISTRICT—J. A. WATSON, District Elder, Manton, Michigan

Manton, Greenwood and Caldwell.....O. A. Kester, Manton, Michigan
 Lake City and West Branch.....G. W. Weidman, Lake City, "
 Traverse City, Empire and Beitner....."
H. O. Teft, supply, 117 E. 15th street, Traverse City, "
 Kingsley and Summitt.....Daniel Skanes, Kingsley, "
 Lodi and Garfield.....L. D. Bodine, R. F. D., Kalkaska, "
 Mancelona and Barnhart....."
G. A. McGrath, Bertha McGrath, supply, Mancelona, "
 Central Lake, Rennie and Pleasant Valley....."
Walter Lamerson, Central Lake, "
 Boyne City.....Lansing Mudge, supply, Boyne City, "
 Elmira.....Duncan McPhee, supply, Elmira, "
 Colfax and Mesick.....H. Allen DeLong, Meauwataka, "
 Boone and Cherry Grove.....Albert Walt, Boone, "

J. A. Watson, member of the Grand Traverse district quarterly conference;
 T. H. Baynton, superannuated, Manton, Michigan; C. G. Miller, superannuated,
 212 E. 14th street, Traverse City, Michigan; T. M. Gallup, superannuated,
 Star City, Michigan; T. F. Huff, supernumerary, Central Lake, Michigan;
 Nathan Pritchard, discontinued, membership on the Colfax circuit; Sadie
 Pritchard, discontinued, membership on the Colfax circuit.

SAULT STE. MARIE DISTRICT—J. A. WATSON, District Elder

Sault Ste. Marie..J. A. Hudnutt, 529 Court street, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan
 Hay Lake and Bethel.....Ora Beebe, McCarren, "
 Dafter and Kinros.....To be supplied
 H. C. Austin, supernumerary, Boyne City, Michigan.

LOCAL DEACONS

E. A. Blodgett,	D. McLachlan,	L. J. Hazeldine,
L. M. Orcutt,	Henry Toonder,	L. T. Wilson,
L. P. Lawton,	J. D. Gregory,	F. W. Smith,
Peter White,	H. E. Packard,	J. C. Smith,
O. F. Potruff,	W. Roush,	J. R. Marston,
F. D. Lyon,	W. C. Winans,	L. H. Morrison,
Charles Spencer,	Ida J. Robbins,	Dan Persley.

LOCAL ELDERS

A. W. Johnson,	R. E. Raycraft,	W. H. Switzer,
F. O. Wyman,	L. J. Stimpson,	J. A. Allen,
A. C. Pratt,	J. A. Phillips,	F. E. Stowell,
J. O. Hindes.		

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Ella Hoag,	R. Mamie Huff,	Sophia Mead,
Laura Avery,	Bertha McGrath,	Sophia Durphy,
Mary H. Haywood,	Mary J. Finch,	Eunice Mead,
Cora Griswold,	Sarah McKibbin,	Nina Smith,
Rosetta Allen,	Ida Tyrell,	Mamie Clark.

DEACONESS

Mrs. Anna Bessemer, Howard City, Michigan

TREASURER'S REPORT

ASSESSMENT FOR THE CONFERENCE.....	\$1,827.00
RECEIVED ON VARIOUS CLAIMS:	
General Missions	\$ 274.05
Bishops' Salaries	328.86
Permanent Fund	91.35
Church Extension Fund.....	182.70
General Conference Entertainment Fund.....	36.54
Deposited in the bank.....	840.58
Cash on hand.....	28.50
Raised by collection.....	44.42
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	\$1,827.00
RAISED FOR CONFERENCE MISSIONS	\$ 269.11
RAISED FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS	1,117.59
RAISED FOR TREASURER'S EXPENSES	17.00
RAISED FOR SECRETARIES	15.00
RAISED TO PUBLISH MINUTES.....	66.45
RAISED FOR BENEVOLENCES	120.50
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	\$1,605.65
Total.....	<hr/>
	\$3,432.65

CONFERENCE ROLL OF PREACHERS

Year of admission into full connection	Name	Year of admission into full connection	Name
1875.....	G. H. Joslin,	1910.....	G. W. Cappy
1880.....	H. D. F. Gaffin	1910.....	O. A. Kester
1881.....	L. T. Jacokes	1910.....	J. W. Archer
1883.....	A. G. Hartle	1911.....	Ellis Mellott
1884.....	D. G. Briggs	1911.....	W. A. Feighner
1886.....	W. A. Caywood	1911.....	C. G. Miller
1890.....	B. W. McKibbin	1911.....	Quitman Smith
1891.....	J. L. Hazeldine	1911.....	B. T. Hicks
1892.....	J. A. Hudnutt	1912.....	T. F. Huff
1893.....	W. H. Bodine	1912.....	Mark Bigelow
1893.....	E. Thirkettle	1912.....	G. H. Akins
1894.....	E. M. Russell	1914.....	Glenn W. Bodine
1894.....	J. E. Sanders	1914.....	Claude A. Watson
1894.....	W. B. Huff	1914.....	Allen P. Mead
1894.....	C. H. Harding	1914.....	A. A. Thompson
1895.....	J. A. Watson	1915.....	Arthur Disbrow
1898.....	T. H. Baynton	1915.....	J. Fred Iulig
1898.....	L. H. Hahn	1915.....	H. Allen DeLong
1898.....	E. C. Bigelow	1916.....	J. Leroy Hazeldine
1900.....	J. B. Griswold	1916.....	Henry C. Austin
1901.....	T. M. Gallup	1916.....	Edmund Drew
1902.....	L. C. Fletcher	1916.....	Orris Scott
1904.....	G. W. Kiffer	1916.....	G. W. Weidman
1905.....	G. A. McGrath	1917.....	M. L. Gay
1906.....	Hugh Rose	1917.....	Leroy T. Morrison
1907.....	C. H. Bartlett	1917.....	L. D. Bodine
1908.....	A. L. Haywood	1917.....	E. A. Walt
1909.....	J. N. Bodine		

ROLL OF PREACHERS ON TRIAL

1913.....Ora Beebe	1916.....A. L. Howlett
1914.....V. Ray Russell	1916.....Daniel Skanes
1914.....David Lincome	1916.....W. J. Angerer
1914.....Isaac Watson	1917.....John Looman
1914.....W. H. Jury	1917.....Walter Lamerson
1915.....Charles Arrand	1917.....William Strickler
1915.....P. M. Cox	

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON TITHING

Is man morally under obligation to tithe and give the tenth to God? We think he is in view of the following considerations:

There are certain principles which are fundamental to organized society, and without a proper recognition of those principles society would be thrown into confusion and anarchy. The first of these principles is the right of ownership. This principle is not only fundamental to and recognized by society, but is one of the fundamental principles of common law, and is recognized by all courts in adjustment of disputes between individuals involving the question of ownership. The law protects individuals in their property rights.

The second principle involved is the right of remuneration. Every individual has a right to a proper and equitable remuneration from others for the use of his property. Whether it be farm, house or other property, the right of remuneration for use by others is always one of the considerations.

The third principle recognized is the right of the owner to fix the amount of remuneration he shall receive for the use of his property. Every member of the Free Methodist church is under moral obligation to recognize these principles when dealing with his fellow man, and if he fails to recognize them the law of the land will compel him to recognize them.

Now these principles lay at the foundation of tithing, and we believe that they are morally binding on the conscience of every member of the Free Methodist church. The Word of God plainly establishes each of these principles.

First. *Ownership.* Genesis 1:1. In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Ownership is involved in the act of creation. Again see in Exodus, 9th chapter and 29th verse, last clause, "That thou mayest know how that the earth is the Lord's." Exodus 19:5, "Now therefore if ye will obey my voice indeed and keep my covenant then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people; for the earth is mine." Psalm 24:1, "The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof, the world and they that dwell therein." Psalm 50:10-12, "For every beast of the forest is mine. I know all the fowls of the mountains, and the wild beasts of the field are mine; if I were hungry I would not tell thee, for the world is mine and the fulness thereof." These scriptures fully establish the ownership of God.

The second principle is involved in the first by nature of ownership and inasmuch as we recognize the right of remuneration when we deal with our fellow men, ought we not to recognize it when dealing with God? In other words, should we not from a principle of love recognize the right of remuneration when dealing with God when the law of the land compels us to recognize it when dealing with our fellow men? The remuneration should be sufficient to enable the owner in this case to properly carry on his work, but which any observer can readily see is coming far short of it. No doubt all will say we believe in the principle of remuneration. God's Word is plain on the question of remuneration. Lev. 27:30, "And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's, is holy unto the Lord." Mal. 3:8-10, "Will a man rob God? yet ye have robbed me, but ye say wherein have we robbed Thee? in tithes and offering. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now

herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." The right of ownership is plainly taught in this Scripture.

The third principle involved in this question is the right of the owner to fix the price he shall receive for the use of his property. God has fixed the amount He should receive from His people. Lev. 27:30, "And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's, it is holy unto the Lord."

This system would tend to equalize the burden of supporting the Gospel. If every one would give one-tenth no one would be overburdened. There are many who do not seem to feel the responsibility of supporting the Gospel, and give but little to the church in support of the preacher, or Sabbath-school, incidental expenses, home and foreign missions, or to the educational institutions of the church. In other words, there are two classes among us who are both willing; one class is willing to pay, the other class is willing to let them. If all would tithe, this evil would be corrected. Every one would then give equally, the man with one thousand dollars of an income would give one-tenth or one hundred dollars. The man with five hundred dollars' income would pay fifty. Thus the burden would be equalized.

II.—ON CHARITIES

Charity we believe to be one of the principles of true religion. James said, "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction and to keep himself unspotted from the world."

The world has always had its poor and needy ones to care for, and God in all His laws, both in Old and New Testament scriptures, has made provision for them, and men in all ages have been warned against oppressing the poor. Jesus said, "Ye have the poor with you always, and whensoever ye will ye may do them good."

It is true there are charitable institutions and societies everywhere and of every character, but this does not relieve the church from her obligation in this great field. We feel a great many times she does not come up to her privilege in this great work. While we feel our beloved Zion is not behind other churches in this, still there is a chance for improvement.

Our Olive Branch Mission is doing a good work, and we feel to commend it to the church and people, also our Old People's Rest Home and the Home for Children at Woodstock, and the Gerry Home in New York.

We recommend that in the cities there be an organized effort for the needy. Also in this great world war there is abundant opportunity to exercise our gifts of charity in doing what we can to relieve the suffering.

And again, Charity! We are commanded to have fervent charity among ourselves. When we consider that we are chosen from all classes and nationalities and from all conditions of life, we find plenty of opportunity to exercise our gift of charity, charity for those who are weak; charity for those who do not grasp the way of faith as readily as we think they should; charity for those who do not see as we do; charity for those who are fallen in sin. Charity, we believe, will put the best possible construction on the faults and mistakes of others. 1 Cor. 13, "Charity never faileth."

"Oh, may we learn the art

With meekness to reprove,

To hate the sin with all my heart,

But still the sinner love."

III.—ON PUBLICATIONS

We should be thankful to God that we live where true light shines all about us and we can receive instruction and know the mind of Christ concerning us as individuals.

The Apostle John says, "And the Spirit and the bride say Come," and His devoted bride is saying "Come" in almost audible tones when she is scattering broadcast most holy literature. Many have been brought to the Lord by reading a holy book or tract or made to think of their souls by reading some Christlike motto that was hanging on the wall. Therefore it behooves us to keep good, wholesome literature about our homes, and to scatter religious tracts wherever we go.

The devil is very busy these days advertising his business; let us do as much. But the question of securing proper literature is of great importance.

In the eleventh chapter of Luke's gospel we read, "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, for ye are as graves which appear not, and the men that walk over them are not aware of them," and we believe these days are upon us. This is a time when it is very popular to profess religion. The majority of people and institutions, no matter how ungodly, have holiness written over their door posts.

And this is fast making inroads into the literary world. Your committee would suggest that when buying literature for our homes, Sunday-school, or to scatter abroad we should investigate carefully before deciding. Notice first who and what the author is. The good sounding titles, introductions and headings of chapters are a good many times sweet incense to pave the way to great religious error, a pit which, if we fall in it, means death.

In many homes which we enter we find people sometimes have queer ideas about religious things, and by investigating we will generally find they have been misinformed by the reading matter in the bookcase. Sad to say many Free Methodist homes are not free from the things just spoken about. We could speak of a good brother in the ministry who, if you talk with him but a few minutes along doctrinal lines, will show plainly what Bible comments he has in his study, certainly far inferior to Dr. Clarke's or Matthew Henry's.

But the questions come with great interest, "What shall we do? And how shall we know what is right?" We will answer as do our local merchants in regard to buying goods from Sears, Roebuck & Company. They say you never know what you are getting by not being able to see and examine it to your own satisfaction before buying and testing, and we your committee think this holds good as far as reading matter is concerned. They say, "Stay at home where you belong," and we answer the same. Secure your literature at home, or at our own Publishing House, where it is tested by competent and spiritual men of our own blessed Zion.

Then again comes the cry, "The price is so much higher at home than abroad." That may be in some cases, but you will find the quality is much higher. Yea, the moon is under its feet. We do not say our publishers handle the only holy literature, some others do and some others do not, but to be on the safe side let us stay at home.

We suggest that all of our people read "The History of the Free Methodist Church," by Bishop W. T. Hogue. You will be a better Free Methodist by so doing. Read the *Missionary Tidings*. You will feel and act more as a good home missionary. Secure some good literature on tithing and you will feel more like giving as the Bible says. Take the *Herald*, the *Press* and the two or three farm papers, pile them all on the library table in your reading room, with the blessed *Free Methodist* on top of them all. You will feel better and have less excuses when the preacher comes.

IV.—ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The human mind is so constituted that a thirst for learning is normal and the quest after knowledge a necessity if a healthy mental life is to be maintained. Christian education is based upon the proposition that true education is the development of the entire individual, thus making Christian education conducive to true spirituality. An education built upon Bible truth will so train and develop the mind that it can be used to the greatest advantage in the service of Christ. Mental powers trained to the highest point of

effectiveness, consecrated to God and under the full control of His Spirit are mighty agencies for good.

The stream of learning had its source in Jehovah, but in the process of time the stream has become polluted by the inflow of worldliness and human pride, until the learned have broken away from the restraints of divine law. These immoral conditions have prevailed to such a large extent that some people think it better to deprive their children of the benefits of a public school than to expose them to the corruption to be found there.

The most solemn obligation devolving upon parents is that of properly equipping their children for the battles of life and putting them in the way to a successful career. As an element in this equipment, education must not be neglected. If we prove recreant to our duty in this respect the penalty will be inflicted upon us from unhealthful sources. A healthy Christian education is the best mode of combating that spirit of infidelity and corruption which is in the world.

If we fail to appreciate the opportunity of child training and allow our children to pass their formative period without proper schooling, as soon as they reach adult life and begin to feel the limitations that are theirs through parental neglect they will rise up and condemn us for remissness of duty. Under such conditions it is an easy matter for the enemy to lead them to think that our Zion or the Christian religion has a controversy with learning. We have no fear of true learning, but we have discovered evil accruing from the corrupted stream in which it is often compelled to flow.

Roosevelt says, "The man who is trained intellectually and not morally is a menace to society." We insist that every disciple of Jesus Christ, in school and out of school, be a student of the Word. "Let the Word of the Lord dwell in you richly in all wisdom."

True education will lead toward God. It will teach the youth to pray, "Our Father." Its tendency will be to lead him to deny himself, to hate all that is evil, to love all that is lovely, to yield himself to a constant and willing service, to spend and be spent in the service of the Lord, till by the grace of God, revealed in every material and spiritual blessing purchased by the atonement, he shall "come unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ."

We highly appreciate the fact that our beloved church has provided Christian schools and colleges where our young people may be educated under the best possible Christian influences. We recommend that we give them our most hearty support, by our prayers, our sympathy, our means and our patronage.

In view of this recommendation we, as a committee, further recommend that the amount of ten cents per member be raised on the circuits of the conference for the support of our seminary at Spring Arbor, Michigan, and this amount be paid to our conference treasurer and forwarded by him to the treasurer of the school.

V.—ON REFORMS

In this age of looseness along religious and moral lines it is refreshing indeed to note that the Free Methodist church stands to-day committed to the principle of reform. So accustomed are we to a middle-of-the-road policy that it is hard for us to have patience with the temporizer or fearful. The Holy Ghost with us enables us to think straight and think clearly.

It is very important that we do not fail to sound the trumpet clearly and forcefully along the same old lines of simplicity of attire, secrecy, tobacco, evil-speaking, tithing and Catholicism. With the warning voice of the preacher should be the hearty endorsement of the pew encouraging the speaker and giving emphasis to the truth. Changing times increase, instead of decrease, the need of positive and practical holiness.

We would call especial attention to the question of Sabbath desecration. Worldly amusements, the Sunday excursion, and secular labor confront us

everywhere. The automobile with its quick and easy access to all parts of the country is increasing the evil of Sunday visiting. An attendance to a church service must never serve as an excuse to visit a distant friend or relative. Responsibility to our own local work is the same now as ever. A milk bottle adorning the porch on a Sabbath morning is but typical of the spread of business on that holy day. We must either buy our gasoline and food supplies on Saturday or practise the profitable exercise of self-denial.

The rapid spread of prohibition has encouraged our hearts as we begin to see the results of active cooperation with other reformers in this great movement. The war and its emergencies promised to give us the realization of our hopes, National Prohibition, but a recent compromise with the liquor forces referring an amendment to the several states for ratification not only defers action but leaves a possibility for ultimate defeat. It would seem to us that with the shortage of food supplies a continuance of the waste of grain in the distilling and brewing of liquors is not only unwise but shameful and calls for immediate legislative action. We pledge ourselves anew to active work that Michigan does not fail in the ratification of this national amendment.

The responsibility to keep in the fight for reform has been and is still great, but with the God of battles in our midst our zion may continue to be a very potent factor in the land.

NORTH MICHIGAN CONFERENCE RECORD

Session	PLACE		TIME		PRESIDENT	SECRETARY
1	St. Johns,	Michigan	September	27, 1876	B. T. Roberts	C. S. Gitchell
2	Gaines,	"	October	10, 1877	E. P. Hart	" "
3	Coopersville,	"	October	2, 1878	B. T. Roberts	" "
4	Holly,	"	September	24, 1879	E. P. Hart	" "
5	Gaines,	"	September	29, 1880	B. T. Roberts	" "
6	Corunna,	"	September	28, 1881	E. P. Hart	" "
7	Coopersville,	"	September	27, 1882	B. T. Roberts	" "
8	West Flint,	"	September	26, 1883	E. P. Hart	" "
9	Orleans,	"	September	22, 1884	E. P. Hart	" "
10	Cedar Springs,	"	September	2, 1885	B. T. Roberts	" "
11	Orleans,	"	September	22, 1886	E. P. Hart	" "
12	Cedar Springs,	"	October	12, 1887	B. T. Roberts	F. A. Smith
13	Amble,	"	August	22, 1888	E. P. Hart	" "
14	"	"	August	28, 1889	G. W. Coleman	" "
15	Lakeview,	"	August	29, 1890	B. T. Roberts	" "
16	"	"	August	19, 1891	E. P. Hart	" "
17	Sunfield,	"	August	17, 1892	G. W. Coleman	" "
18	Lincoln,	"	September	13, 1893	G. W. Coleman	" "
19	Coopersville,	"	August	15, 1894	E. P. Hart	" "
20	Manton,	"	August	14, 1895	G. W. Coleman	" "
21	Clarksville,	"	August	12, 1896	B. R. Jones	" "
22	Lakeview,	"	August	22, 1897	E. P. Hart	C. L. Lambertson
23	Paris,	"	August	3, 1898	G. W. Coleman	" "
24	Cadillac,	"	August	23, 1899	W. A. Sellow	" "
25	Lakeview,	"	August	22, 1900	B. R. Jones	" "
26	Manton,	"	September	11, 1901	E. P. Hart	" "
27	Coopersville,	"	September	17, 1902	G. W. Coleman	" "
28	Cadillac,	"	August	19, 1903	W. A. Sellow	" "
29	Belding,	"	August	10, 1904	B. R. Jones	" "
30	Cedar Springs,	"	August	16, 1905	E. P. Hart	" "
31	Manton,	"	August	22, 1906	W. T. Hogue	" "
32	"	"	August	21, 1907	W. A. Sellow	" "
33	"	"	August	12, 1908	B. R. Jones	J. O. Hindes
34	"	"	August	11, 1909	William Pearce	" "
35	"	"	August	10, 1910	W. A. Sellow	" "
36	"	"	August	16, 1911	W. A. Sellow	J. A. Hudnutt
37	"	"	August	14, 1912	B. R. Jones	" "
38	"	"	August	13, 1913	William Pearce	" "
39	"	"	August	5, 1914	W. A. Sellow	" "
40	"	"	August	11, 1915	W. A. Sellow	" "
41	"	"	August	15, 1916	D. S. Warner	" "
42	"	"	August	7, 1917	William Pearce	" "

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE NORTH MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

GRAND RAPIDS AND IONIA DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers and Evangelists	Copies of "Tree Methodist" Taken	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars (Number Enrolled)	Members in Home Department	Names on Cradle Roll	Total Enrollment	General Conference (Assessed Claims)	Foreign Missions	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Educational Fund	Raised for Sunday School Expenses
Grand Rapids District																	
Grand Rapids	J. E. Sanders, D. E.	67	13	80	1	12	1	17	80			97	\$ 56 00	\$ 51 23	\$.....	\$.....	\$ 68 10
Coopersville and County Line	H. D. F. Gaffin	40		40	1	12	2	12	55			67	45 00	8 50			26 00
Sparta	W. H. Bodue	41	4	45	1	13	1	14	45			54	44 00	33 37			60 00
Cedar Springs	E. F. Garter	50		50	1	13	1	14	30			37	51 00	19 12	14 00	7 00	35 00
Marquette	Quinn Smith	29	7	36	2	8	1	9	40			45	21 00	39 55	18 24		20 34
Keweenaw and Moerland	Sadie Fritchard	19		19	2	8	1	9	20			24	21 00	10 00			29 45
Marquette and Bruley	W. A. Feighner	31	8	39	2	10	1	11	50			59	35 00	20 84			48 00
Gaylord and Bruley	A. P. Maywood	31		31	1	12	2	13	30			45	8 00	152 00	9 00	5 00	20 70
Gaylord and Bruley	A. P. Maywood	23	1	24	1	10	3	13	40			102	60 00	125 00	2 00		36 97
Eastley and Township	C. H. Bartlett	55	1	56	1	4	1	5	30			37	24 00	18 00	31 00		15 85
Altona, Rushford, Brady Lake	Charles Arund	22	2	24	1	4	1	5	30			37	11 00	18 00			23 06
Lake View and Six Lakes	W. J. Angerer	13		13	1	5	1	6	30			37	11 00	18 00			23 06
Zeeland		13		13	1	5	1	6	30			37	11 00	18 00			23 06
Total for district		431	43	474	10	93	16	106	570			676	\$ 436 75	\$ 490 71	\$ 74 24	\$ 12 00	\$ 383 47
Ionian District																	
Grand Ledge	J. W. Archer, D. E.	23	3	26	2	9	1	8	40			48	\$ 27 00	\$ 14 00		\$ 2 00	\$ 14 00
Eagle, Johnson and Needmore	J. B. Griswold	25	1	26	1	8	3	12	40			52	25 00	31 00			15 00
Marquette and Lowell	A. Disbrow	32		32	3	13	2	15	60			72	31 00	17 75		1 80	33 00
Bellevue	Ellis Mellett	65	20	85	3	20	1	21	90			89	63 00	44 00	203 81		81 00
Bellevue	Edmund Johnson	19	1	20	1	5	1	6	45			52	11 00	45 00			19 41
Clare and Forewell	R. P. Howlett	18	1	19	1	5	1	6	32			16	9 00	8 83			10 50
Mt. Pleasant, Lincoln, Richmond	A. L. Gay	36	4	40	2	12	1	13	37			73	20 00	34 53		2 00	25 52
Alma and Burns	M. L. G.	56	4	60	2	12	1	13	90			102	50 00	45 00			28 00
St. Louis and County Line	J. N. Bodine	34	5	39	1	16	2	17	49			60	33 00	33 00			62 68
Elm Hall and Summer	Isaac Watson	19	1	20	1	5	3	8	49			60	33 00	33 00			32 00
Stanton and Evergreen	W. Strickler	19	1	20	1	5	3	8	49			60	33 00	33 00			32 00
Westville	W. H. Jury	5		5									5 00				76
Hastings	W. Kiffer	26	5	31	1	8	1	9	35	20		65	25 00	4 50	11 00		29 72
Greenville and Fenwick	G. E. Packard	31	4	35	1	9	1	10	30			38	25 50	9 85		1 25	22 75
Morgan and Castleton	L. H. Hahn	34		34	1	8	2	10	38			48	37 00	5 88			34 52
Sunfield and Shaytown	G. H. Akins	34	1	35	2	9	1	10	4			19	35 00				14 39
Total for district		458	49	507	20	132	23	130	636	20		786	\$ 444 50	\$ 188 34	\$ 214 81	\$ 7 05	\$ 453 25

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE NORTH MICHIGAN CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

BIG RAPIDS, TRAVERSE AND SAULT STE. MARIE DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers and Evangelists	Methodist "Free Copies of Taken"	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars (Number Enrolled)	Members in Home Department	Names on Cradle Roll	Total Enrollment	General Conference (Assessed Total Only)	Foreign Missions	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Educational Fund	Raised for Sunday School Expenses
Big Rapids District	A. G. Hartle, D. E.																
Big Rapids and Riverwood.....	C. A. Watson.....	41	21	62	3	12	6	1	6	63	11	82	26 00	\$ 71 88	\$.....	\$.....	\$ 48 74
Woodville and Stanwood.....	George Denton.....	17	17	34	2	6	3	2	50	20	...	60	20 55	...	...	...	29 00
Bristol and Rucklee.....	W. Joslin.....	8	6	14	2	2	1	1	3	3	...	23	8 00	...	...	...	7 12
Erast.....	D. G. Briggs.....	38	4	42	2	6	3	9	45	20	...	54	35 00	32 46	7 10	...	39 82
North Ewart.....	M. Bigelow.....	49	1	50	4	13	9	16	140	80	...	100	48 00	30 00	...	...	46 00
Fork and Sheridan.....	V. Ray Russell.....	48	1	49	4	9	14	14	95	10	...	156	49 00	26 38	...	...	57 25
Rose Lake.....	J. Keroy Hazeldine.....	30	1	31	1	3	12	12	60	10	...	109	35 00	...	...	...	37 00
Manton.....	B. Skanes.....	53	7	60	3	13	12	12	103	16	...	172	34 00	5 50	...	...	38 88
Cullie.....	B. T. Hicks.....	28	14	42	3	12	13	13	103	16	...	157	50 00	...	...	...	52 36
Wedman and Wooden.....	John C. Fletcher.....	28	14	42	3	12	13	13	103	16	...	157	50 00	...	...	...	48 13
Ludington and Pentwater.....	G. W. Bodine.....	37	7	44	3	25	15	15	70	49	...	85	72 00	3 00	...	...	104 66
Scottville and Custer.....	P. M. Cox.....	72	2	74	...	10	...	...	30	...	...	40	24 00	...	...	...	...
Walkerville and Philo.....	Basil Dickerson.....	18	5	23	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Millbrook and Broomfield.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total for district.....	J. A. Watson, D. E.	495	60	555	19	133	23	150	852	...	11	1013	\$ 484 40	\$ 276 91	\$ 7 10	\$.....	\$ 581 00
Traverse District	J. A. Watson, D. E.																
Manton, Greenwood and Caldwell Lake City and West Branch.....	O. A. Kester.....	93	9	102	4	12	3	22	120	...	...	142	93 00	...	\$ 26 64	\$ 1 00	\$ 72 89
Traverse City, Empire, Bettner, Kingsley and Summit.....	Harry Salsbury.....	20	1	21	4	4	4	8	50	...	...	58	20 00	...	...	...	25 00
Loil and Kalkaska.....	George Humphrey.....	30	1	31	1	...	...	6	15	40	...	45	30 00	...	...	...	12 55
Laucelona and Barnhart.....	L. D. Bodine.....	18	1	19	1	6	12	63	75	...	...	21	20 70	17 52	5 00	2 21	40 00
Central Lake.....	L. A. McGrath.....	31	10	41	2	9	2	8	63	...	...	78	46 00	...	...	...	35 00
Elmira City.....	V. H. Clendenen.....	39	3	42	3	5	12	12	63	...	...	137	27 00	24 65	5 10	...	69 34
Elmira.....	W. Lamerson.....	34	11	45	1	15	11	17	63	...	...	137	27 00	...	...	...	69 34
Colfax and Mesick.....	H. A. DeLong.....	22	7	29	4	4	4	30	16	...	...	120	53 00	5 00	...	...	2 00
Boone and Cherry Grove.....	A. Walt.....	52	7	59	3	2	1	6	16	...	...	22	5 00	...	...	...	...
Total for district.....	J. A. Watson, D. E.	400	54	454	22	64	19	127	624	5	23	779	\$ 386 70	\$ 47 97	\$ 36 74	\$ 3 21	\$ 409 24
Sault Ste. Marie District	J. A. Hudnutt.....																
Sault Ste. Marie and Gardenville Hay Lake.....	Ora Beebe.....	24	1	25	...	11	1	6	18	...	...	24	26 00	\$ 96 68	\$ 8 00	...	\$ 16 05
Dafter and Kinross.....	H. C. Austin.....	32	4	36	1	6	2	10	60	...	...	73	37 00	...	...	...	21 32
Total for district.....	J. A. Watson, D. E.	68	9	77	1	20	5	25	118	...	3	146	\$ 73 00	\$ 104 68	\$ 8 00	\$.....	\$ 61 37
Grand total.....	J. A. Watson, D. E.	1852	215	2067	72	442	86	538	2800	25	37	3400	\$1825 35	\$1117 50	\$ 340 89	\$21 21	\$1888 33

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE NORTH MICHIGAN CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

GRAND RAPIDS AND IONIA DISTRICTS

CHARGE	Raised in Sunday School Missions	Raised for Children's Fund	General Conference	Raised for Annual Conference Sunday School Board	Raised in Sunday School for All	Other Benevolences	Total Amount Raised in Sunday School	Conference Missions	Pastors' Support	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Support	Evangelists' Support	Incidentals	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
Grand Rapids District																	
Grand Rapids	\$ 17 40	\$ 9 25	15 00	\$ 15 00	\$ 133 87	\$ 558 99	\$ 63 15	\$ 4671 54	\$ 687	\$ 561 06	\$ 45 75	\$ 25700	\$ 1251 90	16	\$ 25700	12	\$ 11000
Coopersville and County Line.....																	
Sparta																	
Cedar Springs																	
Courtland																	
Ravenna and Moorland.....																	
Gregoryville and Bruce.....																	
Fort and Howard City.....																	
Altona and Twinline.....																	
Altona, Rushford, Brady Lake.....																	
Lake View and Six Lakes.....																	
Zeeland																	
Total for district.....	\$ 17 40	\$ 9 25	15 00	\$ 15 00	\$ 133 87	\$ 558 99	\$ 63 15	\$ 4671 54	\$ 687	\$ 561 06	\$ 45 75	\$ 25700	\$ 1251 90	16	\$ 25700	12	\$ 11000
Ionla District																	
Grand Ledge																	
Eagle, Johnson and Needmore.....																	
Saranac and Lowell.....																	
Belding																	
Oreans																	
Clare and Fawcett.....																	
At. Pleasanton, Richland.....																	
At. Pleasanton, Richland.....																	
At. Pleasanton, Richland.....																	
St. Louis and County Line.....																	
St. Louis and County Line.....																	
Stanton and Evergreen.....																	
Westville																	
Hastings																	
Greenville and Fenwick.....																	
Morgan and Castleton.....																	
Sundfeld and Shaytown.....																	
Total for district.....	\$ 15 78	\$ 6 15	\$ 4 86	\$ 4 86	\$ 84 95	\$ 564 99	\$ 66 56	\$ 6171 07	\$ 1043	\$ 689 85	\$ 28 50	\$ 2508 39	\$ 27	\$ 31900 14	\$ 31900 14	14	\$ 13800

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE NORTH MICHIGAN CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

BIG RAPIDS, TRAVERSE AND SAULT STE. MARIE DISTRICTS

CHARGE	Raised in Sunday School for Foreign Missions	Raised for Children's Fund	Raised for General Conference S. S. Board	Raised for Annual Conference School Board	Raised in Sunday School for All Other Benevolence	Total Amount Raised in Sunday School	Conference Missions	Parsonage Support	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Support	Evangelists' Support	Incidentals	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
Big Rapids District																
Big Rapids and River	26 00	23 79	2 91	82 28	28 36	141 12	3 90	722 50	84	62 00	125 00	\$1460 90	34	1500	1	700
Woodville and Swan	26 00	23 79	2 91	82 28	28 36	141 12	3 90	722 50	84	62 00	125 00	23 54	12	1500	1	700
Busby and Ruckle	3 70	3 70	3 70	6 00	6 00	40 82	2 25	135 00	60	24 50	8 00	23 54	1	2500	1	800
Swart	4 28	4 28	4 28	30 00	30 00	49 82	2 25	410 10	72	50 85	16 30	11 00	1	2500	1	800
North and Sheridan	4 50	4 50	4 50	20 00	20 00	80 28	3 35	433 00	60	56 00	5 00	141 00	1	2500	1	800
York and Rose Lake	4 50	4 50	4 50	20 00	20 00	57 35	2 25	500 00	48	48 00	5 00	86 64	1	1750	1	400
Rose Lake	4 50	4 50	4 50	20 00	20 00	37 00	1 50	388 00	56	45 00	5 00	86 64	1	1750	1	400
Madison and Harding	4 50	4 50	4 50	20 00	20 00	48 38	1 50	388 00	56	45 00	5 00	86 64	1	1750	1	400
Madison	4 50	4 50	4 50	20 00	20 00	37 00	7 30	388 00	144	50 45	204 95	204 95	1	3300	1	2000
Madison and Wooden	4 50	4 50	4 50	20 00	20 00	48 38	5 40	405 16	60	36 00	6 00	338 58	1	1500	1	500
Madison and Pentwater	4 50	4 50	4 50	20 00	20 00	57 35	5 40	541 00	120	46 50	6 00	338 58	1	1500	1	2000
Madison and Pentwater	4 50	4 50	4 50	20 00	20 00	130 60	10 80	318 82	84	74 00	3 00	1200	1	5000	1	1800
Madison and Pentwater	4 50	4 50	4 50	20 00	20 00	34 33	3 00	235 00	36	24 00	6 00	30 00	1	1000	1	200
Madison and Pentwater	4 50	4 50	4 50	20 00	20 00	34 33	3 00	235 00	36	24 00	6 00	30 00	1	1000	1	200
Madison and Pentwater	4 50	4 50	4 50	20 00	20 00	34 33	3 00	235 00	36	24 00	6 00	30 00	1	1000	1	200
Madison and Pentwater	4 50	4 50	4 50	20 00	20 00	34 33	3 00	235 00	36	24 00	6 00	30 00	1	1000	1	200
Madison and Pentwater	4 50	4 50	4 50	20 00	20 00	34 33	3 00	235 00	36	24 00	6 00	30 00	1	1000	1	200
Madison and Pentwater	4 50	4 50	4 50	20 00	20 00	34 33	3 00	235 00	36	24 00	6 00	30 00	1	1000	1	200
Madison and Pentwater	4 50	4 50	4 50	20 00	20 00	34 33	3 00	235 00	36	24 00	6 00	30 00	1	1000	1	200
Madison and Pentwater	4 50	4 50	4 50	20 00	20 00	34 33	3 00	235 00	36	24 00	6 00	30 00	1	1000	1	200
Madison and Pentwater	4 50	4 50	4 50	20 00	20 00	34 33	3 00	235 00	36	24 00	6 00	30 00	1	1000	1	200
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Madison and Pentwater	4 50	4 50	4 50	20 00	20 00	34 33	3 00	235 00	36	24 00	6 00	30 00	1	1000	1	200
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Madison and Pentwater	4 50	4 50	4 50	20 00	20 00	34 33	3 00	235 00	36	24 00	6 00	30 00	1	1000	1	200
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Madison and Pentwater	4 50	4 50	4 50	20 00	20 00	34 33	3 00	235 00	36	24 00	6 00	30 00	1	1000	1	200
Madison and Pentwater	4 50	4 50	4 50	20 00	20 00	34 33	3 00	235 00	36	24 00	6 00	30 00	1	1000	1	200
Madison and Pentwater	4 50	4 50	4 50	20 00	20 00	34 33	3 00	235 00	36	24 00	6 00	30 00	1	1000	1	200
Madison and Pentwater	4 50	4 50	4 50	20 00	20 00	34 33	3 00	235 00	36	24 00	6 00	30 00	1	1000	1	200
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Madison and Pent																

NEBRASKA CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Twenty-eighth Annual Session,
held at Lincoln, Nebraska, August 22-26, 1917

OFFICERS

L. GLENN LEWIS, *President*

W. M. ADAMS, *Secretary*

F. E. MILLER, *Assistant Secretary*

R. B. RALLS, *Statistical Secretary*

W. W. WHYTE, *Treasurer*

R. B. RALLS, *Railroad Secretary*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—L. Glenn Lewis, C. L. Fike, William McElfresh.

On Publications—J. L. Wilson, Morris Williams, C. Atkinson.

On Education—W. M. Adams, C. L. Fike, Amanda Timm.

On Reforms—R. B. Ralls, T. W. Rutledge, Henry Hayden.

On Sunday-schools—C. L. Fike, H. Allgor, Ardella King.

On State of the Work—The stationing committee.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—R. B. Ralls, Morris Williams, G. B. Chase.

On Conference Claimants and Claims—L. Glenn Lewis, William McElfresh, Charles Kirkland, Thomas Brewer, W. N. Bracken.

On Foreign Missions—Lee Daily, Mrs. H. White, Mrs. E. C. Keely.

On Complimentary Resolutions—C. L. Fike.

To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes—S. W. Ball.

On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

William McElfresh, W. W. Whyte, M. Williams, A. Timm, J. V. Mott.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

W. M. Adams, president, term expires 1920; William McElfresh, term expires 1918; C. Kirkland, term expires 1919.

CONFERENCE SUNDAY-SCHOOL BOARD

Henry Allgor, president; E. F. Forbes, secretary; William McElfresh, treasurer; A. L. Berry, K. W. Gillespie.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Lee Daily, president; F. E. Miller, secretary; S. Ball, Creighton Gould.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

C. Kirkland, president, term expires 1919; W. W. Whyte, secretary, term expires 1919; T. Thomas, treasurer, term expires 1919; William McElfresh, term expires 1920; W. M. Adams, term expires 1920.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Education—R. B. Ralls,

On Publications—G. B. Chase,

On Sunday-schools—H. Allgor,

On Reforms—W. M. Adams,

On Charities—Jesse Wilson.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions, Church Extension; second quarter, Conference Claimants; third quarter, Bishops' Salaries, Permanent Fund, Gen-

eral Conference Entertainment Fund; fourth quarter, Conference Missions (25 cents).

CONFERENCE TREASURER

W. W. Whyte, 543 South street, Fremont, Nebraska.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

President, Mrs. Jennie Gillespie, 2730 Dudley street, Lincoln, Nebraska; recording secretary, Anna Timm, 615 North 41st avenue, Omaha, Nebraska; corresponding secretary, Jane Birch, Foster, Nebraska; treasurer, Margret Allgor, Butte, Nebraska; Junior superintendent, Alice McDonald.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

W. M. Adams,
R. B. Ralls,
Lee Daily,
H. C. Williams,
C. Kirkland,
F. J. Atkinson.

T. W. Rutledge,
William McElfresh,
W. W. Whyte,
F. E. Miller,
J. A. Finch,

J. L. Wilson,
G. B. Chase,
C. L. Fike,
Sidney Mills,
H. Allgor,

DELEGATES

Charles Bartlett,
E. C. Keely,
Charles Atkinson,
H. Barnes,
Henry Hayden,

Thomas Brewer,
W. N. Bracken,
Jane Birch,
Ardella King,
Anna E. Fisher,

S. W. Ball,
Cynthia Rutledge,
Morris Williams,
Amanda Timm,
Earnest Mott.

2. Who are the stationing committee? L. Glenn Lewis, William McElfresh, C. Kirkland, W. N. Bracken, Thomas Brewer.

4. Who remain on trial? H. D. Green, M. M. Hartsock.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? None.

6. Who are the deacons? T. W. Rutledge, J. L. Wilson, G. B. Chase.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? None.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? Sidney Mills, J. A. Finch, W. M. Adams, F. J. Atkinson.

11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? G. B. Chase, from the West Iowa conference; H. C. Williams, from the Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.

13. Who have been given certificates of standing with a view to transfer to another conference? C. L. Fike.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.

15. Who have died this year? None.

16-20. See statistical reports.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? J. A. Finch, \$50; Maggie E. Stephens, \$30; W. M. Adams, \$150.

22, 23. See treasurer's report.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? On the Butte district, the place to be fixed by a committee composed of the district elder, the secretary of the quarterly conference and C. G. Atkinson; the time as near the middle of August as will suit the convenience of the bishop.

APPOINTMENTS

LINCOLN-OMAHA DISTRICT—F. E. MILLER, District Elder, Nebraska City, Nebraska

Lincoln and Ceresco.....G. B. Chase, 1214 N. 27th street, Lincoln, Nebraska
 Fremont and Bethel.....W. W. Whyte, 543 South street, Fremont, "
 Nebraska City and Minersville.....F. E. Miller
 Wymore.....J. M. Moffett, supply, Wymore, Nebraska
 Omaha.....R. B. Ralls, 4316 Grant street, Omaha, "
 Blair.....To be supplied
 Louisville and Glendale..William McElfresh, 2906 R street, Lincoln, Nebraska

BUTTE DISTRICT—C. KIRKLAND, District Elder, Atkinson, Nebraska

Butte and Mt. Zion.....J. L. Wilson, Butte, Nebraska
 Bonesteel and Davis Schoolhouse.....H. Allgor, Butte, "
 Gregory and Valley.....H. D. Green
 Mills.....To be supplied
 Lynch and Redbird.....H. C. Williams, Lynch, Nebraska
 Plainview.....To be supplied

AINSWORTH DISTRICT—C. KIRKLAND, District Elder

Ainsworth.....L. Foreman, supply, Ainsworth, Nebraska
 Kirkwood.....To be supplied
 Riverside and Bethany.....Lee Daily, Ewing, Nebraska
 T. W. Rutledge, evangelist, Clearwater, Nebraska; Milton Hartsock, left
 without appointment; W. M. Adams, J. A. Finch, F. J. Atkinson, Sidney Mills,
 superannuated; C. L. Fike, transferred to Colorado conference.

LOCAL PREACHERS

*L. Foreman ....Ainsworth, Nebraska	A. J. Everts.....Omaha, Nebraska
A. Anderson .....Lincoln,	P. E. Fisher.....Amelia, "
*V. A. Bagley.....Omaha,	J. V. Parks.....Lincoln, "
N. H. Taylor....Louisville,	H. R. Armfield, Bonesteel, South Da-
W. W. Nichols....Lincoln,	kota
Henry Hayden ....Fremont,	J. M. Bartlett, Bonesteel, South Dakota

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Mrs. Cynthia Rutledge, Clearwater, Mrs. Kathrine B. Ralls, 4316 Grant
 Nebraska street, Omaha, Nebraska
 Mrs. Grace Hartsock

MISCELLANEOUS

The twenty-eighth annual session of the conference was held in the church at Lincoln, Nebraska. By appointment of Bishop Burton R. Jones, L. Glenn Lewis, president of McPherson Central Academy and College, presided. His addresses to the conference were timely and instructive. The meetings were seasons of spiritual power. The heartiness with which President Lewis conducted or entered into the altar services was well calculated to assure those who imagine that advanced education implies spiritual de-

clension that the authorities of the McPherson school do not consider the demonstrations of the Spirit detrimental to scholastic dignity or efficiency.

The W. F. M. Society occupied the Sunday afternoon hour. Following an excellent sermon by Rev. Anna Northup, of the Platte River conference, Mrs. Lewis gave an impressive address which was responded to by a liberal contribution.

The Lincoln society and friends generously placed their homes and beds at the disposal of members and visitors of the conference. Meals were served in the basement of the church. These were abundant and well served.

TREASURER'S REPORT

BISHOPS' SALARIES—Assessed and paid, \$293.00.

CONFERENCE MISSIONS—\$76.55.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—\$3.55.

CHILDREN'S FUND—\$5.62.

PERMANENT FUND, SPECIAL—\$25.00.

SECRETARIES' EXPENSES—\$2.35.

TREASURER'S EXPENSES—\$1.65.

PUBLISHING THE MINUTES—\$27.10.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

I.—ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The problem of Christian education is so vital in a successful life that we can not emphasize it too much. We are living in an age which demands the best preparation in the various professions, and this is equally true of those who are engaged in the Christian ministry. A gospel minister should be an example of mental culture as well as an example of soul life and pure physical habits.

As a conference we stand committed to the principle that the greatest need in education to-day is a system of belief and training which includes soul-saving, the development of character and training for service. Unless as a denomination we make adequate provision for the Christian education of our young people there will soon be few adults and young people in our communion.

We are delighted with excellent reports of Central Academy and College, located at McPherson, Kansas, and we would urge our people to aid this educational institution by liberal and systematic contributions and by placing their children under its instructions.

NEBRASKA CONFERENCE RECORD

Session	PLACE	TIME	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	DISTRICT ELDERS
1	Yutan, Nebraska	August 14, 1890	G. W. Coleman	B. F. Summers	W. W. Harris
2	Yutan, "	September 2, 1891	B. T. Roberts	A. Stedwell	W. M. Adams W. W. Harris
3	Wymore, "	August 24, 1892	E. P. Hart	E. Ballenger	W. M. Adams W. W. Harris
4	So. Omaha, "	August 16, 1893	G. W. Coleman	"	W. M. Adams W. W. Harris
5	Lincoln, "	August 8, 1894	W. T. Hogue	"	W. M. Adams W. E. Stuart
6	Yutan, "	August 22, 1895	E. P. Hart	"	W. E. Stuart E. Ballenger
7	Elk City, "	August 26, 1896	G. W. Coleman	W. M. Adams	W. E. Stuart E. Ballenger
8	Yutan, "	August 18, 1897	B. R. Jones	"	W. E. Stuart E. Ballenger
9	Yutan, "	August 17, 1898	E. P. Hart	O. L. Barnes	E. Ballenger W. M. Adams
10	Norfolk Jct., "	September 6, 1899	G. W. Coleman	"	E. Ballenger P. H. Arlington
11	Blair, "	August 22, 1900	W. A. Sellew	"	E. Ballenger Sidney Mills
12	Oakdale, "	August 28, 1901	B. R. Jones	"	E. Ballenger J. A. Finch
13	Fremont, "	August 27, 1902	E. P. Hart	"	W. W. Bruce E. Ballenger
14	Yutan, "	August 19, 1903	W. T. Hogue	"	W. W. Bruce J. A. Finch
15	Butte, "	August 17, 1904	W. A. Sellew	"	W. W. Bruce O. L. Barnes
16	Lincoln, "	August 9, 1905	B. R. Jones	"	W. W. Bruce O. L. Barnes
17	Mead'w Gr'Ve "	August 15, 1906	B. Winget	"	W. W. Bruce O. L. Barnes
18	Blair, "	August 14, 1907	W. B. Olmstead	"	E. E. Hatfield E. E. Hatfield
19	Butte, "	August 12, 1908	W. A. Sellew	"	W. M. Adams E. E. Hatfield
20	Lincoln, "	August 18, 1909	B. R. Jones	A. S. McClure	W. M. Adams T. B. Wilson
21	Ewing, "	August 19, 1910	William Pearce	"	W. M. Adams F. I. Waters
22	Blair, "	August 23, 1911	W. T. Hogue	M. A. Beers	W. McElfresh W. W. Bruce
23	Ainsworth, "	August 14, 1912	W. A. Sellew	"	W. McElfresh W. W. Bruce
24	Louisville, "	August 20, 1913	B. R. Jones	"	W. McElfresh W. McElfresh
25	Butte, "	August 12, 1914	William Pearce	"	D. T. McClure W. McElfresh
26	Omaha, "	August 11, 1915	W. T. Hogue	"	W. M. Adams W. McElfresh
27	Ewing, "	August 23, 1916	W. A. Sellew	C. L. Fike	C. Kirkland F. E. Miller
28	Lincoln, "	August 22, 1917	L. Glenn Lewis	W. M. Adams	C. Kirkland

NOTE.—The first named elder of each year served the southern districts. The last named served the northern districts.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE NEBRASKA CONFERENCE

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers and Evangelists	Copies of "Tree Methodist" Taken	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars (Number Enrolled)	Members in Home Department	Names on Oradle Roll	Total Enrollment	General Conference (Assessed Claims) Total Only	Foreign Missions	Women's Foreign Missionary Society	Educational Fund	Raised for Sunday School Expenses
Lincoln-Omaha District																	
Omaha	W. McElfresh, D. E.	20	1	20	2	6	1	15	60	10	8	93	\$ 28 03	\$ 1 00	\$ 21 33	\$ 93	\$ 104 03
Lincoln	R. B. Ralls	4	4	8	4	11	1	9	74	6	11	100	49 00	78 47	57 56		59 23
Lincoln	C. E. Miller	23	8	31	1	19	1	9	38		13	60	17 00		2 00		34 61
Lincoln	W. W. Whyte	17	1	18	1	8	2	12	68			80	20 00				50 00
Lincoln	William McElfresh	12		12		3		7	25			32	14 00				18 00
Lincoln	H. D. Green	14	4	18	1	3	1	5	15			20	10 00				6 00
Lincoln	William McElfresh	5		5		2							5 00				
Lincoln	William McElfresh	5		5		2											
Butte District																	
Butte	C. Kirkland, D. E.	2		2	1	2	1	6	14			20	2 00	2 00			8 00
Bonesteel	Henry Algor	14	2	16	1	5	1	5	23			28	14 25				13 40
Bonesteel	Lee Dally	26	1	27	8	4	1	8	95			43	24 00				12 00
Bonesteel	J. L. Wilson	12		12		3	1	7	17	4	3	31	19 00		5 00		14 68
Bonesteel	Supplied	5		5		4							4 00		10 00		
Bonesteel	C. Kirkland	10	1	11	1	2	2						8 00				
Bonesteel	T. W. Rutledge																
Ainsworth District																	
Ainsworth	C. Kirkland, D. E.	25	3	28	1	9	1	6	36			42	15 00				20 02
Ainsworth	L. Foreman	17	5	22	1	4	1	6	38		3	47	20 00	25 00		25 00	25 00
Ainsworth	Supplied	17		17		2											
Ainsworth	C. Hartsack	7		7													
Ainsworth	C. Kirkland																
Total		274	30	304	17	79	13	95	443	20	38	596	\$ 271 68	\$ 104 47	\$ 95 89	\$ 25 93	\$ 364 97

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE NEBRASKA CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

CHARGE	Raised in Sunday School for Foreign Missions	Raised for Children's Fund	Raised for General Conference S. S. Board	Raised for Annual Conference Sunday School Board	Raised in Sunday School for All Other Benevolences	Total Amount Raised in Sunday School	Conference Missions	Pastors' Support	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Support	Evangelists' Support	Incidentals	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
Lincoln-Omaha District																
Omaha	\$ 2 00	\$ 9 08	\$ 1 60	\$ 68	\$ 25 00	\$ 131 03	\$ 7 25	\$ 534 18	\$ 144	\$ 72 00	\$ 47 62	\$ 21 92	1	\$ 3500	1	\$ 1620
Lincoln	8 97	1 80	1 60	68	13 75	33 31	12 25	600 75	144	100 00	47 62	531 96	1	4000	1	1620
Louisville	7 68	1 80	1 60	2 10	18 10	64 39	4 25	400 00	96	42 38	185 00	71 41	1	1200	1	1000
Fremont and Bethel		1 50		2 65		54 15	5 00	290 00	120	60 00	36 00	275 00	1	2500	1	1500
Blair							3 50	20 01		32 88			1	800	1	500
Nebraska City						18 00	2 50	350 00		25 10	17 00	271 51	1	2000	1	500
Wymore						6 00	1 25			4 90		10 00	1	1000	1	400
Ceresco										21 00			1	800	1	600
Butte District																
Bonesteel						8 00	50	91 70		20 87		12 25	1	1000		
Gregory and Valley						13 40	3 50	406 30		65 51	30 00	10 28	1	1500		
Mt. Zion	2 31		2 50			16 81	6 00	375 00		64 76		330 00	1	500	1	500
Butte	3 55				16 17	34 40	4 75	53 52		42 45		34 00	1	900	1	700
Plainview							1 00	120 00	60	22 00		64 00	1	600	1	500
Lynch and Redbird							2 00			21 60						
Albion District																
Albion					2 70	22 72	3 75	256 81	120	62 78	10 20	211 89	1	3000	1	2000
Bethany and Swan							3 75			41 00			1	500	1	500
Riverside					56 00	92 00	5 00	325 00	25	82 72	30 00	74 02	1	300		
Kirkwood																
Total.....	\$ 24 51	\$12 38	\$4 10	\$16 43	\$13 72	\$554 11	\$ 66 25	\$3823 27	\$ 715	\$ 809 95	\$ 855 82	\$ 936 74	18	\$ 24100	12	\$ 9320

MINNESOTA AND NORTHERN IOWA CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Forty-second Annual Session, held
at Plymouth, Iowa, August 22-26, 1917

OFFICERS

F. L. BAKER, *President*
E. E. VOSS, *Secretary* G. W. McDONALD, *Treasurer*
E. R. LANGWORTHY, *Assistant Secretary*
J. W. WHITESIDE, *Railroad Secretary*

COMMITTEES

On Nominations—J. W. Whiteside, S. Ada Hall, E. E. Voss.
On Public Worship—F. L. Baker, J. W. Whiteside, G. W. McDonald.
On Sunday-schools—S. V. Kline, Alta Hart, Lulu Wilcox.
On State of the Work—J. W. Whiteside.
To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—Viola M. Pollock, Laura Wittern.
To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—S. B. Shaw.
On Charities—W. G. Anderson, C. W. Sutton.
On Claimants and Claims—F. L. Baker, J. W. Whiteside, W. E. Capener,
J. H. Noble, S. V. Kline.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Sunday-schools—S. V. Kline, *On Charities*—J. E. Rice,
On State of the Work—J. W. Whiteside.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

E. E. Voss, term expires 1920; H. L. Tenney, term expires 1919; J. W. Whiteside, term expires 1918.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

J. W. Whiteside, president; J. H. Noble, secretary; E. E. Voss, treasurer;
S. V. Kline, Jessie Wilcox.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

E. E. Voss, secretary, term expires 1922; J. W. Whiteside, president, term expires 1921; W. G. Leeman, term expires 1920; W. G. Anderson, term expires 1919; J. D. Armstrong, treasurer, term expires 1918.

HOME MISSION BOARD

J. W. Whiteside, president, term expires 1920; S. V. Kline, treasurer, term expires 1919; E. E. Voss, secretary, term expires 1918.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL BOARD

S. V. Kline, president; S. Ada Hall, secretary; J. W. Whiteside.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund; second quarter, Church Extension and Bishops' Salaries; third quarter, General Missions, Permanent Fund, General Conference Entertainment Fund, General Conference Delegates' Expenses; fourth quarter, Preachers' Moving Fund.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Martha L. Tenney, president, Plymouth, Iowa; Bertha W. Voss, secretary,

Ruthven, Iowa; Louise Morgan, treasurer, Glenville, Minnesota; Mae Williams, Junior superintendent, Glenville, Minnesota.

ADDRESSES

- G. W. McDonald, conference treasurer, Plymouth, Iowa; J. W. Whiteside, district elder and railroad secretary, Plymouth, Iowa; E. E. Voss, conference secretary, Ruthven, Iowa; S. V. Kline, Sunday-school secretary and treasurer of home mission board, 1212 24th avenue, N., Minneapolis, Minnesota; S. B. Shaw, evangelist, Wykoff, Minnesota; W. S. Scalf, evangelist, Centuria, Wisconsin; Viola M. Pollock, evangelist, 1615 Thomas street, St. Paul, Minnesota; Paul R. Helsel, principal Spring Arbor Seminary, Spring Arbor, Michigan.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

J. W. Whiteside,	William Baldwin,	C. W. Sutton,
W. G. Anderson,	S. Ada Hall,	E. E. Voss,
H. R. Eveland,	W. S. Scalf,	S. B. Shaw,
C. L. Manning,	C. W. Howe,	S. V. Kline,
Paul R. Helsel.		

[Women evangelists having a seat in this conference, Kathrine B. Ralls, Viola M. Pollock, Pearl Arnold.]

DELEGATES

W. E. Capener,	Jessie Lantz,	J. H. Noble,
Lulu Wilcox,	Jessie Wilcox,	C. R. Armstrong,
Lillie Farrington,	Alta Hart,	E. S. Liebhardt,
Laura Wittern,	Grace Gleason,	Neva Goudy.

2. Who are the stationing committee? F. L. Baker, J. W. Whiteside, J. H. Noble.
3. What preachers are admitted on trial? None.
4. Who remain on trial? David J. Williams, J. E. Rice.
5. Who are admitted into full membership? S. V. Kline, Paul R. Helsel.
6. Who are the deacons? S. Ada Hall, H. R. Eveland, W. G. Anderson, Paul R. Helsel, S. V. Kline.
7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? None.
8. Who have located this year? None.
9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? None.
10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? William Baldwin, C. W. Howe.
11. Who have been received by transfer and from what conference? G. W. McDonald, from Central Illinois conference.
12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.
13. Who have been given certificates of standing with a view to transfer to another conference? Ida O. Helgen, to the Wisconsin conference; C. L. Manning, to the California conference.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.
15. Who have died this year? None.
- 16-20. See statistical report.
21. See report of committee on claimants and claims.
- 22, 23. Nothing.
24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.
25. When and where shall our next conference be held? The time and place were left to the quarterly conference.

APPOINTMENTS

PLYMOUTH DISTRICT—J. W. WHITESIDE, District Elder, Plymouth, Iowa
 Plymouth and Lime Creek.....G. W. McDonald, Plymouth, Iowa
 Mason City.....S. Ada Hall, 144 Sixth street, S. W., Mason City, "
 Riceville and Round Grove.....J. E. Rice, Riceville, "
 Glenville and St. Clair.....David J. Williams, Glenville, Minnesota
 Filmore and Spring Valley.....H. R. Eveland, Wykoff, "
 Minneapolis and St. Paul.....S. V. Kline, 1212 24th avenue, N., Minneapolis, "
 Randolph.....To be supplied
 Estherville and Emmetsburg.....H. B. and Pearl Arnold, supplies, Emmetsburg, Iowa
 Armstrong.....C. W. Sutton, Armstrong, "
 Spencer.....To be supplied
 Ruthven and Capener.....E. E. Voss, Ruthven, Iowa
 Winnebago.....W. G. Anderson, Winnebago, Minnesota
 Fairmont.....To be supplied
 William Baldwin, Glenville, Minnesota, and C. W. Howe, Corinth, New York, superannuated; W. S. Scafe, S. B. Shaw, evangelists; Paul R. Helsel, principal of Spring Arbor Seminary.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Martha L. Tenney....Plymouth, Iowa Kathrine B. Ralls...Omaha, Nebraska
 Laura Whiteside.....Plymouth, " Viola M. Pollock, St. Paul, Minnesota

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Clara Anderson, Winnebago, Minnesota Mahala Harwood.....Spencer, Iowa

LOCAL ELDERS

J. L. Kent.....Riceville, Iowa H. L. Tenney.....Plymouth, Iowa

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL MISSIONS—Assessed and paid, \$49.05.
 BISHOPS' SALARIES—Assessed and paid, \$58.86.
 CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND—Assessed and paid, \$163.50.
 PERMANENT FUND—Assessed and paid, \$16.35.
 CHURCH EXTENSION FUND—Assessed and paid, \$32.70.
 GENERAL CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT FUND—Assessed and paid, \$65.54.
 PREACHERS' MOVING FUND—Assessed, \$114.45; paid, \$108.75.
 CHILDREN'S FUND—\$9.80.
 EDUCATIONAL FUND—\$5.26.
 Deficit in Preachers' Moving Fund fully provided for.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

I.—ON CLAIMANTS AND CLAIMS

William Baldwin, \$90; C. W. Howe, \$50; Hester A. Wilson, \$100; Francis Damon, \$150; Mary Wolcott, \$80; Mary Sutton, \$25; Luella Phillips, \$50.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE MINNESOTA AND NORTHERN IOWA CONFERENCE

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers and Evangelists	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars (Number Enrolled)	Members in Home Department	Names on Cradle Roll	Total Enrollment	General Conference (Assessed Claims)	Foreign Missions	Woman's Foreign Society	Educational Fund	Raised for Sunday School Expenses
Plymouth District	J. W. Whiteside, D. E.																
Plymouth and Lime Creek.....	C. L. Manning.....	37	9	46	3	15	1	12	50	25	5	92	\$ 38 00	\$ 3 16	\$ 84 00	\$.....	\$ 45 80
Mason City	Paul R. Helsel.....	21	3	24	...	6	1	9	50	15	12	86	27 00	...	50 20	3 55	81 40
Riceville and Round Grove.....	J. E. Rice.....	41	1	42	...	13	1	...	81	7	...	88	33 00	...	142 20	50 00	50 67
Glenville and St. Clair.....	David J. Williams...	33	2	35	...	14	1	8	80	5	32	125	32 00	...	113 46	...	57 85
Elmore	S. B. Shaw.....	22	11	33	1	5	1	6	38	...	...	44	20 00	58 55	45 55	...	23 05
Spring Valley	Ida O. Helgen, supply	5	2	7	...	3	1	5	7	...	...	12	6 00	100 20	91 25	...	13 49
St. Paul	Viola M. Pollock, sup.	32	8	40	1	8	1	7	72	5	20	104	30 00	...	43 92	...	100 15
Minneapolis	H. B. and Pearl Arnold, supplies	37	4	41	2	4	1	7	70	17	9	103	35 00	19 30	10 00	...	71 55
Randolph	To be supplied.....	4	...	4	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	6 00	...	25 00	...	...
Esterville and Armstrong.....	E. E. Voss.....	14	1	15	...	5	2	6	36	5	3	50	14 00	...	11 50	...	30 42
Spencer	J. E. Marriott, supply	16	2	18	1	5	1	3	10	...	...	13	17 00	...	...	...	7 80
Ruthven and Capener.....	S. V. Kilne.....	15	5	20	...	5	2	12	96	1	3	112	21 00	...	38 65	...	52 02
Emmetsburg	S. Ada Hall.....	18	8	26	...	13	1	5	20	...	...	25	18 00	...	83 10	16 00	27 22
Winnebago	W. G. Anderson.....	21	5	26	3	10	3	11	74	...	...	85	21 00	...	58 00	...	...
Fairmont	To be supplied.....	6	...	6	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	6 00	...	15 94	...	...
Collection at conference.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total.....	.....	322	61	383	11	110	18	91	684	80	84	939	\$ 322 00	\$ 181 21	\$ 812 77	\$69 55	\$ 581 42

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE MINNESOTA AND NORTHERN IOWA CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

CHARGE	Raised in Sunday School for Foreign Missions	Raised for Children's Fund	Raised for General Conference S. S. Board	Raised for Annual Conference School Board	Raised in Sunday School for All Other Benevolences	Total Amount Raised in Sunday School	Conference Missions	Pastors' Support	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Support	Evangelists' Support	Incidentals	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parson Property
Plymouth District																
Plymouth and Lime Creek.....	\$ 3 16	\$ 1 00	\$.....	\$ 3 10	\$.....	\$ 53 00	\$ 12 60	\$ 585 25	\$ 144	\$ 100 00	\$ 50 00	\$ 671 91	2	\$ 3700	1	\$ 2500
Mason City	17 00	5 10	.....	2 50	.....	106 00	9 45	522 13	300	89 51	108 04	123 48	1	2000	1	2000
Riceville and Round Grove.....	21 00	.....	.....	1 45	16 78	89 90	11 55	600 00	144	96 00	69 00	118 02	1	1500	1	2000
Glenville and St. Clair.....	21 00	.....	.....	2 75	6 08	87 68	23 20	596 40	144	59 52	.....	124 76	1	2000	1	2000
Elmore .....	.....	.....	.....	2 60	.....	25 65	7 00	84 35	.....	61 00	59 96	50 44	1	1000	.....	.....
Spring Valley	20 00	.....	.....	1 10	.....	34 59	2 10	283 75	.....	31 95	75 05	123 95	.....	.....	.....	.....
St. Paul	22 30	.....	.....	.....	6 00	128 45	16 30	500 00	.....	56 00	67 50	267 81	1	2800	1	50
Minneapolis .....	.....	.....	.....	3 50	.....	75 05	12 25	500 00	157	63 15	53 85	319 59	1	2000	1	4000
Randolph .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 10	.....	.....	7 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Estherville and Armstrong.....	5 00	.....	.....	69	1 00	37 11	4 90	372 46	220	53 00	.....	130 41	2	3000	2	1600
Spencer .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 80	5 95	63 66	81	30 50	.....	81 20	.....	.....	1	1500
Ruthen and Capener .....	.....	.....	.....	1 13	23 05	76 20	7 35	600 00	.....	90 00	14 00	382 80	1	1500	1	2000
Emmetsburg	14 50	2 85	.....	1 25	60	46 42	6 30	400 00	.....	59 51	.....	298 76	.....	.....	.....	.....
Winnebago	4 68	.....	.....	1 65	.....	6 33	7 35	355 16	84	78 25	80 00	83 62	1	1000	1	800
Fairmont .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 55	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	\$128 64	\$ 8 95	\$.....	\$21 72	\$53 51	\$ 774 24	\$148 15	\$ 5463 15	\$ 1274	\$ 943 04	\$ 577 40	\$2776 75	12	\$ 20500	11	\$18450

IOWA CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Forty-fourth Annual Session, held
at Morning Sun, Iowa, September 5-9, 1917

OFFICERS

D. S. WARNER, *President*

H. N. DICKSON, *Secretary*

F. A. MAYFIELD, *Assistant Secretary*

W. H. McDONALD, *Statistical Secretary*

H. A. DALRYMPLE, *Treasurer*

COMMITTEES

On Nominations—D. C. Eddy, L. Mendenhall, O. E. Gaffin.

On Public Worship—D. S. Warner, D. C. Eddy, W. J. Trimble.

On Publications—H. A. Dalrymple, A. P. Breneman, A. L. DeWees.

On Reforms—J. L. Riley, F. M. Smith, O. E. Gaffin, W. A. Shelling.

On Examining Quarterly Conference Records—E. N. Miller, T. J. Fuller, T. W. Rasche.

On Conference Missions—The stationing committee.

On Sunday-schools—W. J. Trimble, R. N. Bailey, F. C. Behner, J. E. McBerney.

On State of the Work—The district elders.

On Education—L. Mendenhall, C. L. Robbins, J. W. Burkey.

On Charities—T. M. Fenwick, Henry Hepker, Charles Monroe.

On Complimentary Resolutions—The secretaries.

On Funds to Publish the Minutes—S. L. Gilkison.

On Conference Claimants and Claims—The stationing committee.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Publications—A. P. Breneman.

On Education—H. A. Dalrymple,

On Reforms—E. N. Miller.

On Sabbath-schools—F. C. Behner,

On State of the Work—The elders.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

H. A. Dalrymple, president, time expires 1923; J. L. Riley, secretary, time expires 1921; D. C. Eddy, time expires 1918; E. N. Miller, time expires 1919; T. M. Fenwick, time expires 1920; L. Mendenhall, time expires 1922.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

D. C. Eddy, president, time expires 1920; L. Mendenhall, secretary, time expires 1922; J. W. Burkey, treasurer, time expires 1918; J. H. Grim, time expires 1919; T. M. Fenwick, time expires 1921.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

H. A. Dalrymple, president; F. M. Smith, secretary; O. E. Gaffin, T. W. Rasche, Sherman Freeman.

BOARD OF AGGRESSIVE EVANGELISM

H. A. Dalrymple, president; F. M. Smith, secretary; C. I. Tenney, treasurer; E. N. Miller, D. C. Eddy.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Conference Claimants; second quarter, Entertaining General Conference, General Missions, Church Extension; third quarter, Conference Missions (15 cents), Permanent Fund, Entertaining Annual Conference (10 cents); fourth quarter, Bishops' Salaries, Delegates' Expenses to General Conference.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Mrs. Handa Trimble, president, Morning Sun, Iowa; Mrs. Elsie Dalrymple, first vice-president, Burlington, Iowa; Mrs. Hannah G. Eddy, secretary, Ottumwa, Iowa; Mrs. Mae Mayfield, corresponding secretary, Eldon, Iowa; Mrs. Alberta Mendenhall, treasurer, Fairfield, Iowa; Mrs. Cora L. Smith, Junior president, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

L. Mendenhall,	S. S. Stewart,	E. N. Miller,
J. S. Booton,	H. A. Dalrymple,	T. M. Fenwick,
W. J. Trimble,	F. M. Smith,	D. C. Eddy,
A. L. Whitcomb,	John Watterson,	S. L. Gilkison,
F. H. Erwin,	J. L. Riley,	F. A. Mayfield,
T. J. Fuller,	G. E. Lair,	H. N. Dickson,
F. C. Behner,	A. P. Breneman,	L. A. Skuzie,
C. L. Robbins,	A. O. Nash.	

DELEGATES

J. E. McBerney,	Lee Cutkomp,	J. W. Berkey,
Charles Monroe,	R. N. Bailey,	Walter Shilling,
O. E. Gaffin,	Henry Hepker,	A. L. DeWees,
Sherman Freeman,	T. W. Rasche,	Charles Dyer,
Mrs. A. Mendenhall,	Mrs. H. E. Casebeer,	Mrs. C. P. Hall,
Mrs. H. E. Reinhardt,	George Collins.	

2. Who are the stationing committee? D. S. Warner, T. M. Fenwick, D. C. Eddy, Sherman Freeman, Lee Cutkomp.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? J. C. Vallandingham, T. O. Hill.

4. Who remain on trial? W. H. McDonald.

5. Who are admitted into full membership? L. A. Skuzie, A. O. Nash, C. L. Robbins.

6. Who are the deacons? T. J. Fuller, G. E. Lair, H. N. Dickson, L. A. Skuzie, A. O. Nash, C. L. Robbins (the last three named were ordained deacons this year).

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? None.

8. Who have located this year? None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? T. J. Fuller.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? L. Mendenhall.

11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? F. C. Behner, from the Nazarene church; A. P. Breneman, from the Wesleyan Methodist church.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? D. T. McClure.

13. Who have been given certificates of standing with a view to transfer to another conference? C. A. Stoll, J. A. Howard, granted certificates of standing by Cedar Rapids district quarterly conference.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The names of all were called and their characters passed.

16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23. See statistics.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? Mrs. Christina Thompson, the widow of W. C. Thompson, \$150.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. When and where shall our next conference be held? As near the last Wednesday in August, 1918, as is convenient with the plans of the bishop.

The location was left to a committee consisting of the secretary and district elders.

APPOINTMENTS

FAIRFIELD DISTRICT—D. C. EDDY, District Elder

Fairfield.....F. C. Behner, Fairfield, Iowa
 Birmingham and Oak Grove.....C. L. Robbins, Birmingham, "
 Ottumwa and Brompton.....D. C. Eddy, Ottumwa, "
 Eldon, White Elm and Bethel.....F. A. Mayfield, Eldon, "
 Centerville.....J. C. Vallandigham, Centerville, "

L. Mendenhall, superannuated; S. S. Stewart, evangelist.

BURLINGTON DISTRICT—H. A. DALRYMPLE, District Elder

Burlington, North and South Hills.....H. A. Dalrymple, Burlington, Iowa
 Brighton and Mount Pleasant....Mrs. T. M. Rist, supply, Mt. Pleasant, "
 Morning Sun, Columbus City and Dixie....W. J. Trimble, Morning Sun, "

DES MOINES DISTRICT—E. N. MILLER, District Elder

Des Moines.....John Waterson, Des Moines, Iowa
 Knoxville.....E. N. Miller, Knoxville, "
 Oskaloosa.....A. P. Breneman, Oskaloosa, "
 Rose Hill and Barnes City.....T. O. Hill, Rose Hill, "
 Newton.....L. A. Skuzie, Newton, "
 Ackworth.....To be supplied

J. S. Booton, left without an appointment; A. O. Nash and A. L. Whitcomb, evangelists.

CEDAR RAPIDS DISTRICT—T. M. FENWICK, District Elder

Cedar Rapids.....F. M. Smith, 1034 N. Eighth street, W., Cedar Rapids, Iowa
 Marion.....T. M. Fenwick, Marion, "
 Maquoketa, Iron Hill, Crabtown and DeWitt..H. N. Dickson, Maquoketa, "
 Toddville and Number One.....S. L. Gilkison, Toddville, "
 Walker and Cedar Ridge.....W. H. McDonald, Walker, "
 Waterloo, Cedar Falls and Dunkerton.....Walker Mayfield, supply, Waterloo, "

T. J. Fuller, supernumerary; J. L. Riley, evangelist; G. E. Lair, F. H. Urwin, left without appointments.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL SECRETARIES

W. J. Trimble,

F. C. Behner,

F. M. Smith.

LOCAL ELDERS AND DEACONS

A. Zaring,
 Dr. D. J. Bunce,
 J. M. Lute,
 John Bishop.

C. G. Curry,
 James Fenwick,
 William Vanhorn,

Peter Bentley,
 G. W. Holmes,
 H. S. Carpenter,

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

S. S. Stewart.....Fairfield, Iowa Mrs. Amie Breneman, Oskaloosa, Iowa
 A. L. Whitcomb, University Park, " Mrs. Alberta Mendenhall, Fairfield, Iowa
 A. O. Nash.....Arkansas
 Mrs. Carrie H. Miller, Knoxville, Iowa Mrs. Hannah G. Eddy, Ottumwa, Iowa

LOCAL PREACHERS AND EVANGELISTS

J. H. Grim,
Lewis Murphin,
Dennis Shinn,
John Hamby,
Orla Divine,
S. A. Steel,
John Farley,

Henry Hepker,
Lewis Hepker,
C. R. Springer,
Leo Carl,
N. C. Dukes,
A. Borst,
Mrs. Julia Heller,

Mrs. Katie Holmes,
Clara Ingersol,
Mattie McBurney,
Louise Escher,
Gertie McDonald,
Mrs. M. E. Nash,
Malissa Shinn.

DEACONESSES

Mrs. Handa Trimble, Morning Sun, Mrs. Lila Shott.....Waterloo, Iowa
Iowa

CONFERENCE ROLL OF PREACHERS

Year of admission into full connection	Name
1876.....	S. S. Stewart
1881.....	L. Mendenhall,
1889.....	E. N. Miller
1890.....	A. L. Whitcomb
1894.....	D. C. Eddy
1898.....	W. J. Trimble
1895.....	J. S. Booton
1900.....	T. M. Fenwick
1902.....	H. A. Dalrymple
1905.....	F. M. Smith
	F. C. Behner
	A. P. Breneman

Year of admission into full connection	Name
1909.....	J. L. Riley
1911.....	G. E. Lair
1911.....	T. J. Fuller
1911.....	H. N. Dickson
1912.....	S. L. Gilkison
1912.....	F. A. Mayfield
1912.....	T. H. Urwin
1913.....	John Watterson
1917.....	C. L. Robbins
1917.....	A. O. Nash
1917.....	L. A. Skuzie

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL MISSIONS—\$119.40.
BISHOPS' SALARIES—\$143.28.
CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS—\$398.00.
PERMANENT FUND—\$39.80.
CHURCH EXTENSION—\$79.60.
DELEGATES' EXPENSES TO GENERAL CONFERENCE—\$39.80.
ENTERTAINING GENERAL CONFERENCE—\$15.92.
CONFERENCE MISSIONS—\$119.40.
ANNUAL CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT—\$79.60.
CHILDREN'S FUND—\$15.79.
EDUCATIONAL—\$2.56.
FOREIGN MISSIONS—\$26.00.
SUPERANNUATE SPECIAL—\$41.00.
TOTAL—\$1,120.15.

MISCELLANEOUS

The forty-fourth session of the Iowa annual conference was held at Morning Sun, Iowa, September 5-9, 1917, in connection with the Burlington district camp meeting. In the absence of Bishop B. R. Jones, Rev. David S. Warner presided by appointment in his stead. He came to us in the fullness of the Spirit and presided over the conference in a very acceptable manner. His preaching and talks to the conference were inspiring and instructive and were enjoyed by all.

Rev. A. D. Zahniser was present and had charge of the evangelistic services during the camp meeting and conference. The services of these men

did much to strengthen the cause of Free Methodism in Morning Sun. President Warner ordained the following persons deacons Saturday afternoon before delivering the missionary address: L. A. Skuzie, C. L. Robbins and A. O. Nash. The conference was royally entertained by W. J. Trimble and wife and their band of noble pilgrims.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON PUBLICATIONS

Of making many books there is no end and much study is a weariness of the flesh. Thus wrote the inspired writer. Nevertheless while the world stands man will try to impart his knowledge to others through the medium of written or printed language. All knowledge, however, is not desirable. To know the good enriches and causes it to spring upward toward the great giver of all good and the author of eternal life. But the knowledge of evil debases and drags downward and would finally plunge the soul into that awful abyss of eternal night were it not for the intervention of divine grace. Adam and Eve became wiser by obeying the voice of the tempter, but, oh, at what awful cost. They lost communion with God and were driven out from the garden to suffer, toil and die, thus bringing death upon all the race. Books and literature are friends. They are either good friends or bad friends, according to their own character.

We would not think of allowing our children to associate with some characters, but what about the books, magazines and papers that find their way into our homes by our consent, which are silently but certainly molding the character of those entrusted to our care.

Owing to facilities of the press, our land is flooded with literature of almost every description. Much of it is bad and should never be allowed to cross the threshold of our homes. And much which seems good at first sight is found to be tainted with evolution, infidelity and higher criticism and tends to weaken the faith of the young and inexperienced in the veracity of God's inspired Word. We firmly believe that the best literature for Free Methodists is that which comes through or from our own Publishing House, and which has been either written or approved of by men and women of experience, piety and godly lives. The "History of the Free Methodist Church," by Wilson T. Hogue, should be in every home, as it sets forth the principles for which we stand and gives us a glimpse into the lives of those godly men who endured persecution and ostracism for conscience' sake and became the founders of a church which stands four-square for God and righteousness in this sin-cursed world.

The pocket manual of parliamentary rules by Rev. L. Mendenhall is a very convenient little book for those who wish to be informed along these lines. We would also urge upon our Sunday-schools both the wisdom and necessity of using our own Sunday-school literature. It is certainly the best for Free Methodists and if we do not patronize our own Publishing House interests, who will?

Last but not least we would say that the *Free Methodist* is the best religious periodical for our people and should be a regular weekly visitor to the home of every family represented in the church, as well as to the homes of those who are friendly to us. Every pastor who labors for an enlarged circulation of this paper on the charge which he serves is not only spreading scriptural holiness, but is making the work easier for himself as well.

II.—ON STATE OF THE WORK

Another conference year has passed by and its record has been made. Whether it has been all it ought to have been eternity alone will reveal.

It has been a very trying and strenuous year on both preachers and people, owing to the high cost of living, war and other complications, which have militated against the work of the Lord. Our preachers as a rule have been

untiring and faithful in the discharge of their pastoral duties. Revival services have been held on the various charges and have been fruitful in the salvation of sinners and the sanctification of believers.

There have been three camp meetings held at the following named places, Center Point, Birmingham and Morning Sun. These camp meetings have been a great inspiration and blessing to our work in general. Quite a number were saved, sanctified or reclaimed during these meetings. A spirit of love and unity prevails quite generally throughout our borders, for which we praise the God of all grace.

While we are enjoying so many blessings, we regret to say there are many of our people who are not taking our church paper, the *Free Methodist*. We believe that the neglect to read our church paper is a great barrier to the advancement of our people in the development of *strong, Christian* character.

We urge a greater effort on the part of the laity to attend our district quarterly meetings and camp meetings. We urge upon our pastors greater diligence in pastoral visiting and a greater effort to reach the masses and get the truths of Bible salvation upon the minds and consciences of men.

We must reach out to the regions beyond and let the people know we are on the field and doing business for the King. There are many hungry hearts all around us and we must bring to them the Bread of Life.

III.—ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS

We are devoutly thankful to God for the organization and continuation of the Sabbath-school as a means of instructing the young in the principles and doctrines of our holy religion. We are glad to note the interest manifested throughout the Iowa conference in the Sabbath-school work.

The Sunday-school is recognized as the greatest agency of the church in moral training of the children. Some of the greatest Christian men have attributed their success to the early training they received in the Sunday-school and to its influences. We can not urge too strongly the duty of Free Methodist parents bringing their children to and keeping them in Sunday-school. The present conditions in our country are alarming. Children are neglected and are not in Sunday-school, but are running the streets on the Lord's day.

The pastors should take an interest in the Sunday-school and assist the superintendents and teachers as much as possible. We suggest also that the superintendent and teachers be punctual and begin on time. Tardy officers are discouraging to the school.

IV.—ON CHARITIES

Charity is love expressed in both words and deeds and can be administered in many ways. A pleasant look, a kind word, visiting the suffering, bereaved and poor and the unfortunate.

The Word of God says if we tell the needy to be clothed and fed, and give them not those things that they need, how can charity be a practical act. St. James declares that pure and undefiled religion is visiting the fatherless and widows in their afflictions, and if thy brother be in need and you shut up your bowels of compassion toward him, how dwelleth the love of God in you. The church must not forget her duty on this important matter. The early Christian church administered to the material and bodily needs of men.

Let us note the present condition in Europe which the war has brought on. Nations are suffering for the necessities of life. The conditions are not improving, but as the war continues the needs increase with their suffering. Let us remember the beautiful examples of true charity by precept and example of our Master and Lord. Let us heed the word of God, "Bear ye one another's burdens." There are many objects of poverty still in the land. We have many institutions in our church that need our charities, the Woodstock Homes, the Olive Branch Mission, the great missionary fields. God grant that the Free Methodist church may still maintain her past record and in the future see the work of charities increased among her people.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE IOWA CONFERENCE

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers and Evangelists	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars (Number Enrolled)	Members in Home Department	Names on Cradle Roll	Total Enrollment	General Conference (Assessed Claims) Total Only	Foreign Missions	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Educational Fund	Raised for Sunday School Expenses
Fairfield District	D. C. Eddy, D. E.																
	Oskaloosa	50	11	50	6	10	1	11	100	4	20	131	\$ 58 40	\$	\$ 78 46	\$	\$ 58 00
	A. L. Whitcomb	52	11	63	1	16	1	14	50	4	20	88	58 80		121 50	4 35	30 46
	Eldon, White Elm and Bethel	52	3	55	3	12	3	11	65			76	49 95		60 00		30 00
	Centerville	25		25	3	2	1	4	29			33	17 25				20 25
	Brompton	2		2		2							2 10				
	Birmingham and Oak Grove	30	5	35	1	6	1	8	42	4	18	72	32 35		17 05		31 50
	Rose Hill and Barnes City	13		13									13 95				4 41
	C. C. Peterson	50	8	58	2	12	1	10	70		23	103	45 15		121 44	2 56	38 91
	Fairfield																
Burlington District	D. C. Eddy, D. E.																
	Burlington	58	3	61	4	10	2	24	105	10	25	164	58 85		101 00		109 31
	Morning Sun and Columbus City	31		31	3	7	2	14	60			74	38 85		30 00	10 00	45 00
	Mt. Pleasant and Brighton	12		12		5							9 25				
Des Moines District	T. M. Fenwick, D. E.																
	Des Moines	86	6	92	3	20	1	13	136	40	9	198	87 15		120 86		97 19
	Newton	15		15	1	5	1	3	17			20	11 45		5 00		20 37
	Ackworth	11	3	14	1	8	1	4	17			21	9 45		5 00		9 76
	Knoxville	48		48	3	10	1	10	40			50	51 45		38 91		31 79
Cedar Rapids District	T. M. Fenwick, D. E.																
	Cedar Rapids	30	12	42	1	7	1	7	47			54	32 65		21 20		41 92
	Marion	22	2	24	2	5	1	5	41			46	23 10		41 85		37 47
	Maquoketa, Crabtown, Dewitt	60	2	62	10	16	2	16	124		26	166	75 60		32 20		48 48
	Toddville and No. I.	56	5	61	3	14	1	13	104			117	56 70		71 91		79 70
	Walker and Cedar Ridge	30	3	33	2	10	2	10	60			70	29 40		37 43		45 60
	Waterloo, Cedar Falls, etc.	33	11	44	1	10	1	9	80	6	18	113	42 00		20 65		43 62
		766	74	840	36	177	25	186	1187	64	159	1390	\$ 801 80	\$ 37 78	\$ 941 46	\$16 91	\$ 823 74
	Total																

Raised for Annual Conference Entertainment, \$75.40.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE IOWA CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

CHARGE	Raised in Sunday School for Foreign Missions	Raised for Children's Fund	Raised for General Conference S. S. Board	Raised for Annual Conference Sunday School Board	Raised in Sunday School for All Other Benevolences	Total Amount Raised in Sunday School	Conference Missions	Pastors' Support	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Support	Evangelists' Support	Incidentals	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
Fairfield District																
Oskaloosa	\$ 13 25	\$ 2 65	\$1 67	\$	\$	\$2 92	\$ 7 50	\$517 00	\$	\$ 90 00	\$ 11 20	\$ 73 88	1	\$ 2250	1	\$ 2250
Ortumba						33 11	8 40	504 25	100	100 80	30 98	204 13	1	1800	1	1500
Eldon, White Elm and Bethel						30 00	8 00	480 00	98	100 80	55 00	64 00	3	3000	1	3000
Centerville						20 25	30	242 00	120	46 65	6 30	60 65	1	2800	1	1000
Brompton								36 00	66	58 86	25 00	86 35	2	800	1	800
Rockham and Oak Grove	25 48				10 49	67 47	4 60	360 00	66	58 86	25 00	86 35	2	800	1	800
Rose Hill and Barnes City					6 15	4 41	6 45	90 47	72	23 60		19 55	2	2000	2	1800
Fairfield						45 06		403 41	120	77 40		40 22	1	2000	1	1500
Burlington District																
Burlington		5 00				109 31	8 55	638 85	120	115 50		511 90	2	5200	2	2300
Morning Sun and Columbus City						50 00	5 55	475 00	96	74 15		31 25	2	2000	1	900
Mt. Pleasant and Brighton							65									
Des Moines District																
Des Moines		1 53			4 57	101 76	12 45	648 82	216	166 34	13 00	102 12	1	4750		
Newton						21 90	2 40	350 00	150	36 00		72 77	1	2000	1	1500
Ackworth					3 38	9 76	1 35	106 87	98	34 75		23 80	1	800	1	600
Knoxville	26 00					61 17	7 35	500 00	150	98 12	61 00	76 29	1	2000	1	1500
Cedar Rapids District																
Cedar Rapids																
Marion		2 56				41 92	4 95	484 14		72 66		89 65	1	1000	1	600
Naquoketa, Crabtown, Dewitt		1 23				67 03	3 40	416 36	120	44 00	70 00	136 65	1	1500	1	1200
Wadville and Co.						15 40	15 40	539 60	108	108 00		123 19	1	900	1	900
Wadville and Cedar Ridge		7 72				157 36	4 20	457 05	96	158 86	37 07	166 90	1	1800	1	1000
Waterloo, Cedar Falls, etc.		1 27				44 89	6 00	629 23	144	75 91	60 00	449 57	2	2500	1	2000
Total	\$ 39 25	\$47 44	\$1 67	\$	\$83 60	\$ 995 70	\$108 25	\$8361 84	\$ 2008	\$1531 50	\$ 308 55	\$2548 52	32	\$ 44200	20	\$22350

ARKANSAS AND SOUTHERN MISSOURI CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Twenty-third Annual Session, held
at Phelps, Missouri, September 19-23, 1917

OFFICERS

E. BALLENGER, *President*
T. M. HOLCOMB, *Secretary* MRS. D. P. ARNOLD, *Assistant Secretary*
D. P. ARNOLD, *Treasurer*

COMMITTEES

On Nominations—P. M. Shipley, D. P. Arnold, Nancy Farr.
On Public Worship—E. Ballenger, T. M. Holcomb, P. M. Shipley, W. H. Stackhouse.
To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—Mrs. C. H. McCary, Nancy Farr.
To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—D. J. Picraux.
On State of the Work—T. M. Holcomb, P. M. Shipley.
To Audit the Treasurer's Account—P. M. Shipley.
On Sunday-schools—P. M. Shipley, G. A. Peebles.
On Missions and Missionary Appropriations—The stationing committee.
On Reforms—D. P. Arnold, D. J. Picraux.
On Publications—D. P. Arnold, P. M. Shipley.
On Charities—Nancy Farr, Mrs. C. H. McCary.
On Education—T. M. Holcomb, G. A. Peebles.
To Publish the Minutes—The secretary.
On Claimants and Claims—E. Ballenger, T. M. Holcomb, P. M. Shipley, G. A. Peebles, D. J. Picraux.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

T. M. Holcomb, president, for three years; W. C. Bostian, secretary, for two years; P. M. Shipley, for one year.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

P. M. Shipley, president, for three years; D. P. Arnold, treasurer, for two years; T. M. Holcomb, secretary, for one year.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

T. M. Holcomb, president; D. P. Arnold, secretary; P. M. Shipley, treasurer; G. A. Peebles, D. J. Picraux.

BOARD OF AGGRESSIVE EVANGELISM

T. M. Holcomb, president, for three years; W. C. Bostian, for two years; P. M. Shipley, secretary and treasurer, for one year.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Education—D. P. Arnold, *On Sunday-schools*—D. P. Arnold.
On Publications—P. M. Shipley, *On Reforms*—W. C. Bostian,
On State of the Work—T. M. Holcomb, *On Charities*—W. C. Bostian.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions, Church Extension, Bishops' Salaries, Permanent Fund; second quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund; third quarter, Conference Missions (20 cents), General Conference Entertainment Fund (2 cents); fourth quarter, Delegates' Expenses to General Conference.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Mrs. D. P. Arnold, president, Harrison, Arkansas; Mrs. W. H. Stackhouse, vice-president, Neosho, Missouri; Mrs. A. J. Crandall, treasurer, Mt. Vernon, Missouri; Mrs. W. H. Stackhouse, superintendent of young people's and Junior work; Miss Ruth Holcomb, corresponding and recording secretary, Mt. Vernon, Missouri.

CONFERENCE SUNDAY-SCHOOL SECRETARY

A. J. Crandall, Mt. Vernon, Missouri.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

W. C. Bostian,
M. F. Showalter,

D. P. Arnold,
T. M. Holcomb,

P. M. Shipley,
W. A. Ellis.

DELEGATES

G. A. Peebles,
Mrs. L. Farr,

D. J. Picraux,
Janie Warner.

Mrs. C. H. McCary,

2. Who are the stationing committee? E. Ballenger, P. M. Shipley, T. M. Holcomb, G. A. Peebles, D. J. Picraux.

6. Who are the deacons? D. P. Arnold, M. F. Showalter, W. A. Ellis.

8. Who have located this year? M. F. Showalter and W. A. Ellis, at their own request.

11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? W. H. Stackhouse, on trial, from the Kansas conference.

12, 13. None.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.

16-20. See statistics.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? Mrs. Emma C. H. Holcomb, \$90.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next session be held? On the Cabool circuit as near the last Wednesday in August, 1918, as the bishops can arrange to hold it.

APPOINTMENTS

MONETT DISTRICT—T. M. HOLCOMB, District Elder, R. F. D. 5, Mt. Vernon, Missouri

MonettTo be supplied
Phelps and Heatonville.....P. M. Shipley, Monett, Missouri
Neosho.....W. H. Stackhouse, Neosho, "

M. F. Showalter, granted certificate of location at his own request, membership at Neosho; T. M. Holcomb, member Monett district quarterly conference.

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT—T. M. HOLCOMB, District Elder

Springfield Mission.....To be supplied
AvaTo be supplied
Cabool.....H. E. Moore, supply, Cabool, Missouri

W. A. Ellis, granted certificate of location at his own request, membership at Ava.

HARRISON DISTRICT—T. M. HOLCOMB, District Elder

Harrison and Capps.....D. P. Arnold, Harrison, Arkansas
ProtemTo be supplied

BEEBE DISTRICT—W. C. BOSTIAN, District Elder, Beebe, Arkansas

Butlerville and Antioch.....J. W. Carter, supply, Hickory Plains, Arkansas
Devall Bluff.....To be supplied

W. C. Bostian, member Beebe district quarterly conference.

HOT SPRINGS DISTRICT—W. C. BOSTIAN, District Elder

Hot Springs.....To be supplied
Vanderwoort and Horatio.....A. O. Nash, supply, Vanderwoort, Arkansas

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Monett District																	
Phelps	P. M. Shipley, D. E.	23	1	24	1	5	1	11	60	7	9	87	\$ 25 00	\$ 6 47	\$ 9 00	\$	\$ 15 20
Neosho	W. H. Stackhouse, supply	17	1	18	3	5	1	6	40	4	...	50	16 00	13 92
Monett	W. S. Sansom, supply	8	...	8	3	2	1	4	30	34	5 70	10 00
Harrison District																	
Harrison and Capps	L. Farr, Nancy Farr, supplies	13	4	17	1	5	1	3	13	...	7	23	13 00	...	1 00	...	8 92
Springfield District																	
Springfield Mission	P. M. Shipley, D. E.	2	...	2
Ava	T. M. Holcomb, D. E.	3	...	3	1	1	3 00
Cabool	T. M. Holcomb, sup. ..	8	5	13	...	2
Beebe and Hot Springs District	T. M. Holcomb, sup. ..	23	3	26	3	3	1	6	30	36	17 00	...	2 00	...	20 00
Butterville and Antioch	T. J. Jones, supply ..	11	...	11
Hot Springs
Vanderwoort
Total	108	14	122	12	23	5	30	173	11	16	230	\$ 79 70	\$ 6 47	\$ 12 00	\$	\$ 88 04

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Monett District																	
Phelps	\$ 6 02	\$ 75	\$	\$	\$ 7 02	\$ 28 99	\$ 5 00	\$ 202 25	\$	\$	\$ 56 93	\$ 33 50	\$ 19 26	1	\$ 600	1	\$
Neesho		1 00	14 02	2 88	65 00	44 31	10 86	1	600	1	100
Monett	40	10 40	27 14	7 25	3 85	1	2000
Harrison District																	
Harrison and Capps	1 00	9 82	42	94 50	24 75	106 18	1	1400	1	400
Springfield District																	
Springfield Mission	10 81	20 26	20 00
Ava	60	15 40
Cabool	28 45	19 91	4 00
Beebe and Hot Springs District																	
Butterville and Antioch	20 00	7 45	42 80	10 00	1	1000
Hot Springs	1	800
Vandervoort
Total.....	\$ 6 02	\$ 2 75	\$	\$	\$ 7 42	\$ 84 23	\$ 8 90	\$ 388 89	\$	\$	\$ 195 35	\$ 116 47	\$ 174 15	6	\$ 6400	2	\$ 500

Minutes of the Third Annual Session, held at
Sacul, Texas, October 3-7, 1917

WILLIAM PEARCE, *President*
OTTO ZIMMERMAN, *Secretary* RAY LOOKABOUGH, *Assistant Secretary*
OTTO ZIMMERMAN, *Treasurer*

On Public Worship—William Pearce, M. L. Lancaster, L. V. Maund.
On Publications—Otto Zimmerman, G. W. Oliphant.
On State of the Work—M. L. Lancaster.
On Education—W. E. Preston, Ray Lookabough.
On Reforms—L. V. Maund, A. B. Harrell.
On Charities—E. M. Stephens, M. L. Lancaster.
On Sunday-schools—Otto Zimmerman, J. N. Tinsley.
On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.
To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—J. I. Williford, G. W. Oliphant.
On Claimants and Claims—William Pearce, M. L. Lancaster, J. N. Tinsley,
 G. W. Oliphant, Ray Lookabough.
To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—L. F. Preston, W. H. Lathrop.
Auditing Committee—G. W. Oliphant, Ray Lookabough.
On Conference Missions—The stationing committee.
On Complimentary Resolutions—W. E. Preston, A. B. Harrell.

Ray Lookabough, treasurer, five years; E. H. Flournoy, four years; M. L. Lancaster, president, three years; Otto Zimmerman, two years; J. N. Tinsley, secretary, one year.

M. L. Lancaster, president; L. V. Maund, secretary; A. B. Harrell, Ray Lookabough, G. W. Oliphant.

A. B. Harrell, secretary, three years; Otto Zimmerman, president, two years;
E. H. Flournoy, one year.

J. N. Tinsley, president; A. B. Harrell, secretary; M. L. Lancaster, G. W. Oliphant, J. I. Williford.

On Publications—Otto Zimmerman,
On Education—A. B. Harrell,
On State of the Work—M. L. Lancaster,
On Reforms—L. V. Maund,
On Charities—E. M. Stephens,
On Ministerial Support—Ray Looka-
bough,
On Sunday-schools—M. L. Lancaster.

President, Katie Zimmerman, Nacogdoches, Texas; first vice-president, Lizzie Maund, Sacul, Texas; second vice-president, Ella Swanson, Nacogdoches.

Texas; corresponding secretary, Eunice Trawick, Sacul, Texas; recording secretary, Bernice Blackburn, Sacul, Texas; superintendent of Junior work, Emma Oliphant, Hemphill, Texas; treasurer, Mrs. Francis Hurlock, 1217 Huston avenue, Huston, Texas.

CONFERENCE TREASURER

Otto Zimmerman, Nacogdoches, Texas.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

M. L. Lancaster,
W. H. Lathrop,
L. V. Maund.

Otto Zimmerman,
J. N. Tinsley,

R. C. Myers,
A. B. Harrell,

DELEGATES

J. I. Williford,
G. W. Oliphant,

Ray Lookabough,
G. S. Warren,

Mollie Herrington,

2. Who are the stationing committee? William Pearce, M. L. Lancaster, Ray Lookabough.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? None.

4. Who remain on trial? E. M. Stephens, W. E. Preston.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? L. V. Maund.

6. Who are the deacons? None.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? None.

8. Who are located this year? None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? R. C. Myers, W. E. Preston.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? W. H. Lathrop.

11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference?
A. B. Harrell, an elder, from the Texas conference.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.

13. Who have been given certificates of standing with a view to transfer?
None.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.

15. Who have died this year? None.

16-20. See statistics.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? W. H. Lathrop, \$50.

22, 23. See statistics.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Hemphill, Texas, as near the first week in October, 1918, as will suit the plans of the presiding bishop.

MISCELLANEOUS

The third annual session of the East Texas conference was held at Sacul, Texas, October 3-7, 1917, Bishop William Pearce presiding. The attendance was good and the conference was royally entertained. Four harmonious sittings were held. The president presided with general acceptability. His addresses to the conference were greatly appreciated. His sermons were such as ministered grace to the hearers.

B. F. Harris, an elder, of the Texas conference, was present and rendered efficient service. E. A. Andrews, principal of the Campbell Seminary, was present and an offering of \$225 in cash and subscriptions was taken. Otto Zim-

merman gave the missionary address Sabbath afternoon. A collection of \$107 in cash and subscriptions was taken at the close of the service. Several profitable altar services were held. The appointments were well received.

APPOINTMENTS

NACOGDOCHES DISTRICT—M. L. LANCASTER, District Elder,
Nacogdoches, Texas

Nacogdoches, Lufkin and Canaan.....Otto Zimmerman, Nacogdoches, Texas
Sacul and Frankston.....L. V. Maund, Sacul, "
Chireno, Hemphill, Sabinetown and McClelland...A. B. Harrell, Milam, "
Kirbyville, Jasper and Horner....Wesley Huffman, supply, Kirbyville, "
Zavalla, Ora, Rock Springs and Salem.....E. M. Stephens, Chireno, "

M. L. Lancaster, member of the Nacogdoches district quarterly conference.

HUSTON DISTRICT—M. L. LANCASTER, District Elder

Alvin and Huston.....J. N. Tinsley, Alvin, Texas

W. H. Lathrop, superannuated; R. C. Myers, W. E. Preston, supernumerary.

LOCAL PREACHERS

S. H. Tinsley,
L. F. Preston,

J. N. Wilson,
J. I. Williford.

W. D. Delamar,

TREASURER'S REPORT

BISHOPS' SALARIES—Assessed and paid, \$31.30.
GENERAL MISSIONS—Assessed and paid, \$26.25.
CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS—Assessed and paid, \$87.50.
PERMANENT FUND—Assessed and paid, \$8.75.
CHURCH EXTENSION—Assessed and paid, \$17.50.
GENERAL CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT—Assessed and paid, \$3.50.
CONFERENCE MISSIONS—Assessed, \$35.00; paid, \$9.60.
FUNDS FOR PUBLISHING THE MINUTES—\$16.80.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE

East Texas Conference

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CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers and Evangelists	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars (Number Enrolled)	Members in Home Department	Names on Cradle Roll	Total Enrollment	General Conference (Assessed Claims)	Foreign Missions	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Educational Fund	Raised for Sunday School Expenses
Nacogdoches District	M. L. Lancaster, D. E.	33	7	40	12	15	15	19	100	100	100	119	\$ 24 00	\$ 3 85	\$ 24 66	\$.	\$ 35 90
Nacogdoches, Lufkin and Canaan	Otto Zimmerman	40	10	50	1	10	10	11	120	120	120	131	29 10	3	24	40 00	40 00
Sacul and Frankston	L. V. Maund	16	10	26	3	3	3	4	25	25	25	29	17 00	1	1	20 00	20 00
Chireno and Chinkopin	Otto Zimmerman, sup.	29	2	31	4	4	4	5	30	30	30	35	23 10	1	1	16 09	16 09
Sabinetown and McClelland	S. H. Tinsley	22	2	24	4	4	4	1	35	35	35	29	25 30	1	1	6 00	6 00
Kerbyville and Homer	S. E. Stephens	22	2	24	4	4	4	1	30	30	30	29	25 30	1	1	6 00	6 00
Zavalla and Ora	J. D. Hardy, supply	15	1	16	3	3	3	1	70	70	70	78	15 00	1	1	6 00	6 00
Houston District	M. L. Lancaster, D. E.	16	5	21	4	4	4	1	6	6	6	27	10 05	3 50	13 50	2 25	11 88
Alvin	W. E. Preston	9	3	12	1	1	1	1	4	4	4	44	11 50	1	1	12 55	12 55
Houston and Waller	L. F. Preston	4	1	5	2	2	2	1	40	40	40	44	11 50	1	1	12 55	12 55
Sheridan	E. C. Myers	4	1	5	2	2	2	1	40	40	40	44	11 50	1	1	12 55	12 55
Total		184	24	208	5	44	44	62	430	430	430	492	\$ 167 40	\$ 7 35	\$ 43 41	\$ 2 25	\$ 141 02

CHARGE	Raised in Sunday School for All	Raised for Annual Conference Sunday Board	Raised for General Conference S. S. Board	Raised for Children's Fund	Raised for Foreign Missions	Raised in Sunday School	Total Amount Raised in Sunday School	Conference Missions	Pastors' Support	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Support	Evangelists' Support	Incidentals	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
Nacogdoches District	\$ 3 55	\$ 2 00	\$ 7 49	\$ 5 00	\$ 46 00	\$ 4 80	\$ 313 17	\$ 4 80	\$ 80	\$ 80	\$ 76 00	\$ 58 05	\$ 15 20	2	\$ 1200	1	\$ 600
Nacogdoches, Lufkin and Canaan	3 55	7 49	5 00	5 00	56 30	5 10	350 70	5 10	60	60	58 00	64 00	416 16	1	1000	1	300
Sacul and Frankston					16 09	1 80	184 20	1 80	20	20	18 30	35 00	16 16	1	1600	1	300
Chireno and Chinkopin					16 09	4 40	108 36	4 40	31 60	31 60	95 82	107 00	16 00	1	1600	1	300
Sabinetown and McClelland					6 00	3 00	122 82	3 00	30 65	30 65	31 60	7 00	16 00	1	800	1	300
Kerbyville and Homer																	
Zavalla and Ora																	
Houston District		1 20			12 58	2 85	148 24	2 85	148 24	148 24	79 02	58 39	52 38				
Alvin					12 55	2 05	10 50	2 05	10 50	10 50	60 54	55 60	5 00				
Houston and Waller																	
Sheridan																	
Total	\$ 3 85	\$11 25	\$12 50	\$ 5 00	\$ 169 52	\$ 27 04	\$ 1268 64	\$ 27 04	\$ 140	\$ 140	\$ 424 73	\$ 401 04	\$ 488 74	6	\$ 6200	2	\$ 900

KENTUCKY AND TENNESSEE CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Twenty-second Annual Session,
held at Polkville, Kentucky, September 12-16,
1917

OFFICERS

J. M. CRITCHLOW, *President*
WALKER MAYFIELD, *Secretary* W. O. COOK, *Treasurer*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—J. M. Critchlow, W. O. Cook, H. O. Coates.
On Reforms—H. C. Foster, J. A. Holland, J. B. Hay.
On Publications—H. O. Coates, Walker Mayfield.
On Education—Nels Nordrum, J. W. W. Kelley.
On Charities—Walker Mayfield, H. O. Coates, William Templeton.
On Sunday-schools—E. V. Towns, Forrest Hibbitt.
On State of the Work—W. O. Cook.
To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—Nels Nordrum.
To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes—Forrest Hibbitt.
To Publish the Minutes—The secretary.
On Complimentary Resolutions—J. W. W. Kelley.
On Missions and Missionary Appropriations—The stationing committee.
On Conference Claims and Claimants—J. M. Critchlow, W. O. Cook, H. O. Coates, T. W. Conley.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

W. O. Cook, president; J. W. W. Kelley, secretary; H. O. Coates, W. D. Bunch, J. A. Holland.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

H. O. Coates, three years; W. O. Cook, two years; J. W. W. Kelley, one year.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions (15 cents), Church Extension (10 cents); second quarter, Conference Missions (30 cents), Permanent Fund (5 cents); third quarter, Bishops' Salaries (18 cents), General Conference Delegates' Expenses (3 cents), General Conference Entertainment (2 cents); fourth quarter, Conference Claimants (50 cents).

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

*J. W. W. Kelley,
*Walker Mayfield,
*J. D. Harris,

*W. O. Cook,
*E. V. Towns,
†H. C. Foster,

*H. O. Coates,
*Hardy Simmons,
†Nels Nordrum.

*Elders. †Deacons.

DELEGATES

W. D. Bunch,
T. W. Conley,
Mrs. Zella Puckett,
Thomas Ford.

Mrs. Maggie Russell,
Mrs. Addie Luck,
William Templeton,

J. A. Holland,
Mrs. E. J. Innman,
J. T. Puckett,

2. Who are the stationing committee? J. M. Critchlow, W. O. Cook, J. A. Holland.

3. Who are admitted on trial? J. B. Hay, L. V. Baker.

4. Who remain on trial? Forrest Hibbitt, Thomas Carter.

6. Who are the deacons? H. C. Foster, Nels Nordrum.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? J. D. Harris.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view of transferring to another conference? W. R. Garrison had been given certificate and had transferred to the Central Illinois conference the previous year, but through oversight last year's minutes failed to note this.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.

16-23. See statistics.

21. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? For the widow of F. K. Baker, \$150.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Smyrna, Tennessee, as early in September as is convenient to the plans of the bishops.

MISCELLANEOUS

The twenty-second session of the Kentucky and Tennessee annual conference was held in the Methodist Episcopal church, South, known locally as Flat Rock church, near Oakland, Kentucky, September 12-16, 1917. Rev. J. M. Critchlow, of the Oil City conference, presided through the appointment of Bishop William Pearce. Brother Critchlow's sermons and addresses possessed a full measure of helpfulness and were very much enjoyed by all. They were highly fitted to the needs existing in the conference and their spirit of freshness inspired fresh zeal and courage. The conference will remember him and hope for a return of his valuable service.

Conference collections were raised in full. Three hundred dollars was raised during the conference for a retiring minister, one-half of which was contributed by the president of the conference. More than one hundred dollars was raised in cash and subscriptions for foreign missions following a sermon delivered by Rev. Walker Mayfield on Sunday afternoon.

APPOINTMENTS

BOWLING GREEN DISTRICT—J. W. W. KELLEY, District Elder

Scottsville, Petroleum and Mt. Carmel.....Forrest Hibbitt
Mt. Zion, Cassaday and Sunny Side.....H. O. Coates
Wrightsburg.....L. V. Baker

Nels Nordrum, H. C. Foster, Walker Mayfield, evangelists; J. W. W. Kelley, district elder, member of the Bowling Green district quarterly conference; E. V. Towns, supplying work in the Central Illinois conference.

LOUISVILLE DISTRICT—J. W. W. KELLEY, District Elder

Louisville.....To be supplied
Mt. Beulah and Cedar Grove.....P. C. Dunkerson, supply

NASHVILLE DISTRICT—J. W. W. KELLEY, District Elder

Gallatin.....Mary E. Kelley, supply
 Nolinsville and Smyrna.....D. B. Cooper, supply
 Forest Chapel, Wolf Hill and Portland.....Thomas Carter
 W. O. Cook, evangelist.

TULLAHOMA DISTRICT—J. W. W. KELLEY, District Elder

Manchester, Zion's Hill and Simmon's Chapel.....J. B. Hay
 Bratcher's Cross Roads.....Hardy Simmons
 Deer Lodge and Burrville.....F. M. Elliot, supply

LOCAL PREACHERS

G. W. Tucker, R. 1, Adolphus, Kentucky	C. A. Luck....Beech Grove, Kentucky
Chrisley Miller....Adolphus, Kentucky	W. C. Sellers, Beech Grove, "
S. D. Wolf, R. 1, Scottsville, Kentucky	Henry Logsden, Munfordville, Kentucky
J. W. Wheeler....Louisville, Kentucky	P. C. Dunkerson, Munfordville, Kentucky
Wesley Wright, 431 F street, Louisville, Kentucky	Thomas Hall, Highland Park, Kentucky
James Elrod.....Oakland, Kentucky	F. M. Elliott.....Lansing, Tennessee
M. D. Black....Westmoreland, Tennessee	

EVANGELISTS

Mrs. J. F. West, R. 1, Scottsville, Kentucky	Miss Lamorah Sellers, Beech Grove, Kentucky
Mrs. Mary E. Kelley, Scottsville, Kentucky	Belle Apling.....Homer, Kentucky

TREASURER'S REPORT

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS—Assessed and paid, \$133.50.
 BISHOPS' SALARIES—Assessed and paid, \$48.08.
 GENERAL MISSIONS—Assessed and paid, \$40.05.
 CHURCH EXTENSION—Assessed and paid, \$26.70.
 PERMANENT FUND—Assessed and paid, \$13.35.
 ENTERTAINMENT FUND—Assessed and paid, \$5.34.
 GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES—Assessed and paid, \$8.01.
 CONFERENCE MISSIONS—\$80.10.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE KENTUCKY AND TENNESSEE CONFERENCE

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Copies of "Free Methodists" Taken	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars (Number Enrolled)	Members in Home Department	Names on Cradle Roll	Total Enrollment	General Conference (Assessed Chimes)	Foreign Missions	Woman's Foreign Society	Educational Fund	Raised for Sunday School Expenses
Bowling Green District																	
Scottsville	W. O. Cook, D. E.	47	3	50	3	8	1	1	64			73	\$ 50 47	\$ 1 00	\$ 42 65		\$ 19 08
Cassidy	Nels Nordrum	22	1	23	3	11	2	11	83			26	26 45				12 20
Wrightsburg	W. O. Cook, D. E.	12		12	1	1	1	1	40			46	23 04		1 75		11 45
Louisville District																	
Louisville	W. O. Cook, D. E.	18	2	20		3	1	1	53			60	17 98		5 42		29 04
Mt. Beulah	O. O. McDonough, sup.	26		26									34 56				
Nashville District																	
Gallatin	W. O. Cook, D. E.	22	5	27	1	2	1	1	20			25	30 73		23 00		40 32
Nashville	Forrest Hibbitt, sup.	20	2	22	3	4	1	4	17			21	28 16		10 00		10 10
Forest Chapel	L. V. Baker, supply	21	1	22	3	4	2	8	40			48	16 26		4 50		12 65
Smyma	J. B. Hay, supply	16	2	18		2	1	1	37			41	15 36		5 00		
Tullahoma District																	
Manchester	W. O. Cook, D. E.	44		44					75			85	20 48		6 50		13 50
Simmon's Chapel	P. C. Dunkerson, sup.	36	12	48	2	1	2	10	75				5 82				
Deer Lodge	Harly Simmons	5		5													
Collections	F. M. Elliot, supply																
Total		280	28	317	15	32	12	64	431			405	\$ 275 01		\$ 98 82		\$ 148 34

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE KENTUCKY AND TENNESSEE CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

CHARGE	Raised in Sunday School for Foreign Missions	Raised for Children's Fund	Raised for General Conference S. S. Board	Raised for Annual Conference Sunday School Board	Raised in Sunday School for All	Other Benevolences	Total Amount Raised in Sunday School	Conference Missions	Pastors' Support	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Support	Evangelists' Support	Incidentals	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
Bowling Green District																	
Scottsville	\$.	\$.	\$.	\$.	\$.	\$.	\$ 19 08	\$ 15 80	\$ 260 78	\$.	\$ 46 75	\$ 77 00	\$ 360 10	3	\$ 2400	1	\$ 1500
Cassaday							12 20	8 10	149 47	35	28 31	61 30	28 00	3	1800	1	500
Wrightsburg							11 45		104 89	25	33 96		35 50	1	1000	1	500
Louisville District																	
Louisville	2 00						31 04		258 06		47 90		33 74	2	2400	1	500
Mt. Beulah															1000		
Nashville District																	
Gallatin							40 32		118 27	68	40 10	75 81	16 29	1	1500	1	1000
Nolinsville							10 10		105 53	72	31 00	36 13	70 50	1	1300	1	500
Forest Chapel														1	1500	1	500
Smyrna					5 00		17 65		75 81		25 56	15 00		1	700		
Tullahoma District																	
Manchester														2	2000		
Simmon's Chapel					10 00		23 50		236 00		25 91		30 00	2	1500		
Deer Lodge																	
Collections								56 20									
Total.	\$ 2 00	\$.	\$.	\$.	\$ 15 00	\$ 165 84	\$ 80 10	\$ 200	\$ 1308 91	\$ 200	\$ 279 49	\$ 286 24	\$ 574 13	19	\$ 17400	7	\$ 5100

OHIO CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Thirty-ninth Annual Session, held
at Kent, Ohio, August 22-26, 1917

OFFICERS

MENDAL B. MILLER, *President*
FRANK C. EASTON, *Secretary* C. W. SMITH, *Assistant Secretary*
JOHN C. SHERBURNE, *Treasurer*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—Mendal B. Miller, J. A. Hopkins, R. B. Niles, J. C. Sherburne, Foreman Lincicome.
On Publishing Minutes—F. C. Easton, C. W. Smith.
On Raising Funds for Publishing the Minutes—E. D. Crane, R. G. Bowen.
To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—William Bates, O. L. Stricker, L. D. Heston.
On Reforms—Guy C. Williams, F. J. Calkins, Alonzo Moore.
On Education—M. E. Snyder, C. W. Warner, C. E. Foreman.
On Publications—W. A. Sayre, F. C. Calkins, LaRue Cheney.
On Sunday-schools—J. E. Williams, T. Z. Hadley, Eliza Ries.
Auditing Committee—D. W. Wesley, W. H. James.
On Charities—E. F. Aiken, G. E. Conant, Maria C. Aylard.
On State of the Work—O. M. Shaw, W. J. Hampp, Jennie Humphrey.
On Memoirs—L. C. Watters, J. E. Williams, Lillie Sanderson.
On Complimentary Resolutions—C. W. Smith, Oly M. Judy, S. M. Russell.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

J. A. Hopkins, president, time expires 1920; J. C. Sherburne, secretary, time expires 1919; W. A. Sayre, time expires 1918.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

J. C. Sherburne, president; R. B. Niles, secretary; J. A. Hopkins, treasurer; W. F. Guffey, J. E. Crider, J. W. Davis.

COMMITTEE ON AGGRESSIVE EVANGELISM

R. B. Niles, president; D. W. Wesley, secretary; Dr. G. T. Baldwin, treasurer, 5415 Bridge avenue, Cleveland, Ohio; J. C. Sherburne, W. F. Guffey.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

J. A. Hopkins, president; R. B. Niles, secretary; D. W. Wesley, F. C. Calkins, Dr. G. T. Baldwin, J. W. Davis, W. F. Guffey.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT

Earl F. Aiken, chairman; Guy C. Williams, Fred Hunsicker, F. W. Guffey, Percy Peoples.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Reforms—C. W. Smith, *On Sunday-schools*—William Bates,
On Education—T. Z. Hadley, *On State of the Work*—The three dis-
On Publications—D. W. Wesley, trict elders,
On Memoirs—F. C. Calkins.

CONFERENCE SUNDAY-SCHOOL SECRETARY AND EVANGELIST

J. W. Headley, 2288 Auburn avenue, Toledo, Ohio.

CONFERENCE SECRETARY

Frank C. Easton, Pomeroy, Ohio.

CONFERENCE TREASURER

Walter A. Sayre, Caldwell, Ohio.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions (15 cents), General Conference Delegates' Expenses (5 cents); second quarter, Bishops' Salaries (15 cents); third quarter, Home Missions, Church Extension, Annual Conference Entertainment (30 cents); fourth quarter, Conference Claimants (50 cents), Permanent Fund (5 cents).

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

President, Mrs. Mary E. Hall, Iberia, Ohio; vice-president, Mrs. Dora J. Smith, Ashtabula, Ohio; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Mabel Stricker, 1044 Yale street, Akron, Ohio; recording secretary, Mrs. Grace Wesley, 201 East Elm street, Kent, Ohio; treasurer, Miss Nellie Brandenburg, 3010 Bridge avenue, Cleveland, Ohio; superintendent Junior work, Mrs. Edna Scott, Kenmore, Ohio; librarian, Mrs. Ida Belle Aiken, 1038 Erie street, Youngstown, Ohio; superintendent missionary boxes, Mrs. Martha Sherburne, 2288 Auburn avenue, Toledo, Ohio.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

W. H. James,
W. B. Olmstead,
H. W. Sanderson,
C. W. Smith,
O. M. Shaw,
E. F. Aiken,
E. C. Gravina,
L. C. Watters,
E. E. Brown,
F. J. Calkins,
Oly M. Judy,
H. F. Aiken,

J. W. Headley,
H. F. Hall,
D. W. Wesley,
F. C. Calkins,
J. A. Hopkins,
W. J. Hampp,
C. W. Warner,
Foreman Lincicome,
F. C. Easton,
Guy C. Williams,
W. M. Bates,
Clark G. Sayre,

J. E. Williams,
J. C. Sherburne,
E. D. Crane,
O. L. Spencer,
R. B. Niles,
O. L. Stricker,
W. A. Sayre,
M. E. Snyder,
Charles Mitchell,
T. Z. Hadley,
A. A. Price,
J. M. Moore.

DELEGATES

Eliza Ries,
Jennie Humphrey,
Estella Harkcom,
Abbie Peerman,
Jacob Moose,
Lillie Sanderson,
LaRue Cheney,
L. D. Heston,
Orland Fritz,
Julia Mitten,

Levi Greenwood,
Fred Hunsicker,
William Sigafos,
J. E. Crider,
Maria Groh,
Maria C. Aylard,
W. F. Guffey,
J. W. Davis,
John M. Hall,
L. E. LaFollette.

Alonzo Moore,
Hannah LeGrand,
Edward Byerley,
Mike Russell,
C. C. Foreman,
Alice Hartle,
Mary Slusser,
Elmer Moat,
H. D. Ackerman,

2. Who are the stationing committee? Mendal B. Miller, J. A. Hopkins, J. C. Sherburne, R. B. Niles, J. W. Davis, J. E. Crider, W. F. Guffey.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? H. D. Ackerman, Richard Garner.

4. Who remain on trial? R. G. Bowen, W. V. Ross.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? Clark G. Sayre, J. M. Moore.

6. Who are the deacons? O. L. Spencer, W. J. Hampp, O. M. Shaw, E. E. Brown, T. Z. Hadley. Local, B. B. Casto, I. H. Potts, C. M. Schenkel, L. Fowler, E. E. Higbee, W. I. Scott, Charles E. Phipps.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? None.

8. Who have located this year? B. B. Casto.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? W. J. Hampp, E. E. Brown, H. F. Hall, F. C. Calkins, L. C. Watters, W. V. Ross.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? J. E. Williams, H. W. Sanderson, W. H. James.

11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? H. F. Aiken, from the Oil City conference; J. M. Moore, from the Pittsburgh conference.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? G. E. Conant.

13. Who have been given certificates of standing with a view of being transferred to another conference? None.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.

15. Who have died this year? Jasper Hayden, E. A. Bryan.

16-20. See statistical report.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? J. E. Williams, \$100; W. H. James, \$100; H. W. Sanderson, \$100; Mrs. E. C. Olmstead, \$100; Mrs. Lizzie Scott, \$60; Mrs. Nancy H. Reynolds, \$35.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where and when shall the next session of the conference be held? At Galion, Ohio, as near the third Wednesday in August, 1918, as convenient for the bishop.

APPOINTMENTS

CLEVELAND DISTRICT—D. W. WESLEY, District Elder, 201 E. Elm street, Kent, Ohio

Cleveland, First Church..T. Z. Hadley, 6001 Franklin avenue, Cleveland, Ohio
Cleveland, Union Street and Rocky River.....

.....E. H. Everett, supply, Rocky River, "
Lakewood Mission.....To be supplied

Akron.....O. L. Stricker, 1044 Yale street, Akron, Ohio
Kent.....F. J. Calkins, E. Elm street, Kent, "

Bennett's Corners.....Richard Garner, Brunswick, "
Ashtabula.....C. W. Smith, 9 Fisk street, Ashtabula, "

Griggs and Steamburg.....Oly M. Judy
Warren and Cortland.....H. F. Aiken, Warren, Ohio

Youngstown.....E. F. Aiken, 1038 Erie street, Youngstown, "
Sharon Line and Bessemer.....R. G. Bowen, Sharon Line, "

Big Prairie and Davis.....Clark G. Sayre, Big Prairie, "
Pleasant Grove and Howard.....To be supplied

Canton.....Foreman Lincome, Canton, Ohio

W. H. James, superannuated, Kent, Ohio; J. E. Williams, superannuated, 1342 Westlake avenue, Lakewood, Ohio.

TOLEDO DISTRICT—J. C. SHERBURNE, District Elder, 2288 Auburn avenue, Toledo, Ohio

Toledo.....J. A. Hopkins, 1608 Peoria street, Toledo, Ohio
Holland and Monclova.....C. W. Warner, Holland, "

Delta and Bethel.....To be supplied
Elm Grove.....To be supplied

Kiefersville.....To be supplied
Hume, Cridersville and Lima.....O. L. Spencer, Cridersville, Ohio

Bowling Green and North Baltimore.....
Harry D. Ackerman, North Baltimore, Ohio
 Galion and West Point.....Guy C. Williams, Galion, "
 Chicago Junction.....To be supplied
 Mansfield.....Walter Martin, supply, 52 Woodland avenue, Mansfield, Ohio
 Union City, Indiana, and Celina.....E. D. Crane, Union City, Indiana
 Desher.....To be supplied
 J. W. Headley, Sunday-school secretary and evangelist; W. B. Olmstead,
 general Sunday-school secretary and evangelist; H. F. Hall, F. C. Calkins,
 L. C. Watters, W. J. Hampp, supernumerary; B. B. Casto, located according
 to paragraph 116 of the Discipline, membership at Mansfield, Ohio; G. E.
 Conant, withdrawn from the conference and the church.

ATHENS DISTRICT—R. B. NILES, District Elder, Woodsfield, Ohio

Athens and Stroud's Run.....O. M. Shaw, Campbell street, Athens, Ohio
 Mt. Carmel, Hollister and Jacksonville.....M. E. Snyder, Glouster, "
 Columbus.....C. E. Morrison, supply, 316 E. 5th avenue, Columbus, "
 Pomeroy Circuit.....Frank C. Easton, Rural Route No. 1, Pomeroy, "
 New Albany.....Mrs. Emma Morrison, supply, New Albany, "
 Dayton.....To be supplied
 Dugan Valley.....To be supplied
 H. W. Sanderson, superannuated; E. E. Brown, supernumerary; W. V.
 Ross, supernumerary.

SUMMERFIELD DISTRICT—R. B. NILES, District Elder, Woodsfield, Ohio

Summerfield, Woodsfield, Mt. Tabor and East Union.....
W. M. Bates, Summerfield, Ohio
 Sarahsville, Perryopolis, Ava, Olive and South Olive.....
W. A. Sayre, Caldwell, "
 Hall's Chapel, Hill Grove and New Matamoras.....A. A. Price, Fifteen, "
 Zanesville and Mt. Sterling..C. A. Mitchell, 24 Clover street, Zanesville, "
 Byesville, Senecaville and Cambridge.....E. C. Gravina, Byesville, "
 J. M. Moore, evangelist; R. B. Niles, member Summerfield district quar-
 terly conference.

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Mary E. Hall.....Iberia, Ohio Abbie Headley.....Toledo, Ohio
 Lilly A. Sanderson.....Dayton, " Emily J. Crane...Union City, Indiana
 Sadie RussellGalion, " Mrs. Maria C. Aylard, Brunswick, Ohio
 Emma R. Hastings

DEACONESS

Mrs. Emily McGarvey....Youngstown, Ohio

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

John BlagaNiles, Ohio G. U. Lehman...Brunnersburg, Ohio
 Sadie Hall.....Winget Run, " Mabel E. Race.....Pomeroy, "
 Esther D. Clark, Santiago, Dominican L. W. Franks.....Ney, "
 Republic, West Indies Alice CookAthens, "
 Esther EwingMonclova, Ohio S. P. Hyssell.....Columbus, "
 Miss Clara Hayden

LOCAL PREACHERS

E. E. Higbee.....	Middleport, Ohio	William Mills	Ashtabula, Ohio
William Orwig.....	Bowling Green, "	J. McNutt.....	Athens, "
E. H. Bates.....	Holland, "	F. L. Robinson.....	Ava, "
Charles Schenkle.....	Fifteen, "	I. E. Green.....	Akron, "
J. E. Crider.....	Criddersville, "	G. W. Campbell.....	Akron, "
Rezin Baker	Sarahsville, "	H. L. Hanum.....	Senecaville, "
I. H. Potts.....	Byesville, "	Walter Martin.....	Mansfield, "
Leonard Fowler	Ava, "	B. Lewis	Lima, "
J. D. Gregory		C. E. Bowers....	Bowling Green, "
Paul G. Schuenemann, 4125 Clark ave- nue Cleveland, Ohio		Charles E. Phipps....	Cleveland, "
W. I. Scott.....	Akron, Ohio	Floyd E. Gravina....	Cleveland, "
		Bert Lowery.....	Jacksonville, "
		B. Lehman....	Spring Arbor, Michigan

MISCELLANEOUS

In the absence of our beloved Bishop Wilson T. Hogue, Rev. Mendal B. Miller presided with dignity and dispatch. Many were the words of commendation heard on all sides as to his ability both as executive and as preacher, while his wise and kindly words of counsel and advice were well received by all. This session of the conference was held in connection with the Cleveland district camp meeting, which was the largest encampment ever held within the bounds of the Ohio conference. A spirit of harmony prevailed throughout the session and much of the presence of the Lord was manifested in all of the religious services. Liberal offerings were received in response to the numerous calls that were made. Among these was a special offering on Sunday afternoon for Miss Kate Leininger, of Kent, Ohio, our out-going, professional nurse missionary, who is to sail for China in November. The offering amounted to over \$500. An advance step was made looking towards the increasing of our pastors' salaries in the appointment of a committee on ministerial support under the leadership of Rev. E. F. Aiken. It was ordered by the conference that a Thanksgiving offering be taken in each of our societies for Sister Van Kennell, widow of Rev. Noah VanKennell, and a Christmas offering be taken in each society for Sister Nancy Reynolds. It is hoped that all of our pastors will attend to these two offerings and see that the money is forwarded to our conference treasurer.

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL MISSIONS—Assessed and paid, \$190.50.
 BISHOPS' SALARIES—Assessed and paid, \$228.60.
 CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS—Assessed and paid, \$635.00.
 PERMANENT FUND—Assessed and paid, \$63.50.
 CHURCH EXTENSION—Assessed and paid, \$127.00.
 GENERAL CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT—Assessed and paid, \$25.40.
 GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES' EXPENSES—Raised, \$63.50.
 CHILDREN'S FUND—Raised, \$43.87.
 EDUCATIONAL FUND—Raised, \$20.88.
 FOREIGN MISSIONS—Raised, \$8.84.
 FOR PUBLISHING MINUTES—Raised, \$65.95.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON REFORMS

The subject of reforms carries with it two particular thoughts. First, that there are some things that are not what they should be; second, that there is a possibility of improvement. As such we speak of the following:

DRESS AND PERSONAL APPEARANCE.—"It has been said that the dress bespeaks the man." At least it goes a long ways to create for him a good or bad impression. In this matter there are two extremes: One worldliness and extravagance in dress; the other that of slovenliness of appearance; both of which it is the duty of a Christian to avoid. A neat, clean, tidy person, with well kept clothing, polished shoes and kempt hair more becomes the beauty of holiness than that of wanton carelessness of appearance. The extremes of fashion have played between orientalism and Africanism, with the latter apparently gaining ground. We are convinced that the world has not yet reached a place where we can safely revert to the primitive custom. A mode of dress is not sinful because it is new, nor holy because it is old. We affirm the statement of last year's report, that the established customs of dress can be safely followed. Apparel has three legitimate purposes; to clothe the body's nakedness, protect it from heat and cold and make it neat and presentable. We believe in individualism and the democratic principle of government as applied to this question, with the Word of God as the word of conduct. The general principles of economy, neatness and simplicity which exclude ornaments and trinkets are matters of good taste as well as morals, and require the possession and cultivation of both good sense and spirituality to determine what is wise and good. Let us remember that to adorn the body is heathenism, but to beautify the soul with salvation is Christianity.

INSTITUTIONS.—We reaffirm our position against oath-bound secret societies with their unchristian combinations. While allowing all the right to worship God according to the dictates of their own consciences, we wish to voice our opposition to the hierarchy of Rome and its political aspirations. We stand for free speech and the freedom of the press.

EVIL SPEAKING.—The sin of evil speaking has far too great a place among us, a people who profess so much. There is no meaner thief than he who steals the good name of his victim. The application of the golden rule would assist in silencing a tongue that wags too much.

THE SABBATH.—Let our people not forget that the Sabbath is a day for rest and worship and not a day for visiting and joy riding.

CONSERVATION OF ENERGY AND RESOURCES.—In the wise administration of government, either political, economic or in self government, the conservation of energy and resource holds a very important place. A church or nation can be no stronger than the composite strength of its units; hence that which makes for the moral, intellectual, physical and economic strength of the individual should be encouraged, and that which does not should perish from among men. Under this head we wish to note some of the evils of the day which not only strike at the spiritual welfare of man, but are undermining the integrity of the nation.

First among the evils of our land is the giant *liquor traffic*, that arch fiend of hell which has not a single redeeming feature, but is ever working the destruction of man, the masterpiece of God's creation. It robs childhood of its playful hours and age of its peaceful rest. The cherished hopes of humanity, the decency of living, the peace and honor of men, the purity of woman, progress in achievement and all else that is good finds in this nefarious traffic a mortal foe.

Second, *capitalism*. The world has long been cursed by an economic system that has stood as a bulwark against human progress, and for the sake of sordid gain has fostered well nigh every vice known to man. For ages millions of laborers upon whom it depends for success in exploitation have seldom been free from the pinch of hunger; sties they have for homes; barred from the so-called best society, prevented from securing either a healthy body or a well trained mind, blighted in birth and damned through life, the procession of wrong human progeny continues because of an economic system that can not be justified by either political science, moral philosophy or the Christian religion. Equality is the only rightful relation between human beings and that can never obtain so long as the masses are the slaves of the classes. The capitalistic system is an economic outrage, a political fraud, and a giant leech

on society. We commend the efforts of our honorable President to cope with this great evil and pledge ourselves to the overthrow of this barrier to human progress and to the ushering in of a just regime when the laborer who is worthy of his hire shall receive the just reward of his toil.

THE DIVORCE EVIL.—For a number of years there has been fast developing a laxness in the marriage relation until in some circles marriage is no more sacred than the purchasing of a horse or cow. Men and women alike bargain for and dispose of their companions much the same as a business man would of his chattel. Apparently we are approaching a condition of affairs such as existed in Babylon prior to its fall. It is time that the worms beneath the bark of our home and civic right be sought out and destroyed. We urge our unmarried people to avoid being unequally yoked together and pledge ourselves to assist in obtaining more strict divorce laws, and to mitigate the evil in every way we can.

HABITS.—The cigarette and tobacco habit is condemned by science as injurious to man. It is unclean beyond description. It befogs the brain and befouls the body. It is both physically and morally weakening and deserves nothing but condemnation from righteous men. We deplore the prevalent profanity of the day. It bespeaks ill breeding, unmanliness, and is grossly irrelevant.

WAR.—We deplore the condition of turmoil that obtains in the world with its revolution to barbarism and sincerely hope that out of this insane orgy may come the purging of the nations, a lasting peace, and a better reign for man. While we maintain our loyalty to our government and are in accord with the principles so nobly expressed by our President in his memorable address to Congress, yet we wish to voice our opposition to any tendency to establish militarism in this country; and protest against giving military subjects a place on the curriculum of high schools and colleges, which necessarily must result in developing a warlike tendency in a hitherto peaceful people, and thus defeat one of the principal objects for which this government was established. We hope for the crushing of autocracy, the disarmament of powers, the democratization of the world, the federation of nations, and a league for the maintenance of peace. We labor and wait for the time when the world shall see itself as one great family with love enthroned and the brotherhood of man a reality.

MINISTRY OF THE WORD.—To combat the folly, sinfulness and crime of the age calls for the fearless and powerful presentation of the truth of God. Mr. Forsyth says, "With its preaching Christianity stands or falls." If there is an avocation in all the world where we may justly hang out the sign, "Wanted, a Man," it is in the ministry. Wanted a man (1) pure, in whom there is no guile, (2) a man of vision, (3) a man of courage, (4) a man with a message. It is a sin against God and humanity for a minister to carelessly come before his congregation with no preparation and treat his hearers to half-baked opinions upon subjects which angels handle only with deepest reverence. Many of the truths of God are not discerned by the surface skimmer. The truth must be bought by earnest prayer, diligent study, and the careful weighing of what is learned. The man who does not aspire to a high standard of efficiency will be of little service in so high a calling. They who do not want to pursue such a course had better find a vocation better suited for sluggards than that of the ministry.

SUPPORT OF THE WORK.—A little Zion of our own where we can worship God according to our own conscience and customs is very desirable and agreeable. The shouts of victory and songs of praise fall pleasing upon our ears, but we are very conscious of the fact that it takes more than hallelujah shouts and loud amens to successfully carry on the work of God. There must also be heard the metallic ring of cold cash. In many places our work is languishing because of the lack of funds, while many of our people continue to lay up treasures on earth. It is folly to profess to love God and withhold from the ministers of His Word the just recompense of their toil. The Scripture is plain, "He that hath this world's goods and shutteth up his bowels of compas-

sion, how dwelleth the love of God in that man." We appeal to the elders, the class leaders, stewards, and the church in general to see that there is better observance of the Discipline along this line and thus help to relieve the financial distress of God's ambassadors.

THE SPIRIT OF PROGRESS.—Devotion to truth does not mean marriage to custom. There is a difference between the principle of truth and the forms of its expression. The forms may change and will where Christ is, for He is the spirit of progress. The fossilization of custom is a hindrance to spiritual development and he who is a stickler for such is an enemy to truth. We are not subjects to the forms and ceremony of the Mosaic law, but must remain firm to the principles of truth embodied therein. When Jesus came to earth the sticklers for forms and customs failed to see in Him the Christ. The spirit of progress should ever characterize our lives and work. While we hold the ground we have gained may God help us to make conquest of that which is yet beyond. Be it remembered the "room for improvement is one of the largest rooms in the world."

II.—ON COMPLIMENTARY RESOLUTIONS

1. We wish to express our appreciation for the able and impartial manner in which our president, Rev. M. B. Miller, has presided at this annual conference.

2. We wish to express our appreciation for the laborious efforts of District Elder J. A. Hopkins, the resident pastor, Rev. F. Lincicome, and others in preparing the grounds and for their abundant labors in providing for entertainment and comfort of the guests of conference.

3. We wish to express our thanks to Mr. William Kent for the grove in which this camp meeting and conference has been held, who has so kindly given the use of the grounds without charge.

4. We wish to express our appreciation to Mr. Cline for the use of the lumber that has made it so convenient for the tenters.

5. We also appreciate the kindly way in which the pilgrims and people of Kent have entertained and provided for the comfort of this conference.

III.—ON CHARITIES

Charity is sometimes recognized as synonymous with love. The Holy Scriptures deal much upon this practical aspect of Christian faith, even "charity out of a pure heart." Its spirit is that of caring for the poor and needy and to "visit the fatherless and widows in their afflictions."

In this land of gospel light and teaching many institutions of this character flourish under the care of the state, the county and fraternal organizations, by which much suffering and distress is alleviated. Such work is not carried on except under favoring skies, where the sun of righteousness shines and the dews of Christian grace distill.

It is our purpose to discover and emphasize what we may do throughout the bounds of our conference in following the blessed example of our great Pattern, who "went about doing good."

This committee would recommend that pastors be urged to enlist the membership so far as practicable of their respective societies in a systematic effort to seek out the stranger, the sick, the poor and needy to administer as may seem wise and to endeavor to lead them to the table of the Lord.

We believe that the young people and others of our denomination can be made a great blessing in the performance of such work and that it will prove an aid in quickening their own spiritual life.

We earnestly recommend to the notice of the conference the needs of our charitable institutions, viz., the Gerry Homes, the Chicago Industrial Home for Children and Old People's Rest Home at Woodstock, the Olive Branch Mission of Chicago and the Providence Mission at Pittsburgh, all of which are doing excellent work of which we heartily approve.

IV.—ON MEMOIRS

WHEREAS, It has pleased almighty God, our heavenly Father, to remove from our midst our much beloved brethren, Rev. Jasper Hayden, who passed to his eternal reward on the 15th day of November, 1916, after having been a member of this conference for thirty-eight years, being a charter member, and Rev. Edelbert A. Bryan, who departed this life on the 7th day of June, 1917, which is far better, to be with Jesus, after having been a member of this conference for ten years, being received into full connection at the 29th annual session held at this place August 14-19, 1907; therefore, be it

Resolved, That while we bow in humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well, we feel keenly the sense of our loss in the departure of these beloved brethren, who after many years of toil and suffering have at last laid down the old rugged cross and have exchanged it for a crown of life which the Lord has promised to all those that love Him.

Resolved, further, That we extend to the bereaved relatives and friends our deepest, heartfelt sympathy and that upon the adoption of this report the conference bow in prayer for God's blessing upon them and upon us as a conference, that this visitation of His providence may teach us "to so number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom;" be it further

Resolved, That this report be spread upon the records of the conference, a copy be sent to the relatives of the deceased, and a copy to the *Free Methodist* for publication.

JASPER HAYDEN was born in Bedford township, Monroe county, Michigan, October 22, 1843, and departed this life November 15, 1916, near Omaja, Cuba. His boyhood days were spent with his parents at his birthplace, although his father died when he was but fifteen years of age. When the Civil War began, he enlisted in the three months' service, then for three years, and later as a veteran, receiving three honorable discharges from the government. Soon after his return from the army he felt his need of divine help to overcome sin, and after some weeks of seeking was converted. He later received the experience of holiness and united with the Free Methodist church. In 1868 he was married to Miss Rebecca Kinney and to them were given eight children, five of whom are still living. When he felt called to preach he hesitated because of his lack of proper education, but when fully convinced that it was God's will, while still on the farm he set aside certain hours for study to qualify himself for the work. The church recognized the call of God and licensed him to preach. In 1876 he took charge of a circuit in the Michigan conference and served as pastor two years, but when the Ohio conference was organized in 1878 he became a charter member. He was sent first to West Windsor, near Mansfield, then to Howard and Pleasant Grove, from there to Delta, then to Summerfield. The two years following he was district elder, then he served as pastor at Pomeroy, then at Athens, then at Logan. Again as elder for one year. Then on account of his companion's poor health he did not take work, and in the fall of 1892 moved back to his old home neighborhood. Then in 1895 the Lord took his beloved companion home. Two years later he again entered the work. He was pastor at Edgerton, at Toledo two different times, at Holland and at Kiefersville. Then elder for a year and a half previous to his going to Cuba, having been appointed to finish out the year when Brother Hall went to Greenville.

In the fall of 1909 he left this country for Cuba, and from his first sight of the island felt that was where he wished to live and die. The first two years there he preached considerably, but felt that his public work was at an end. For about three years his health gradually failed, but he kept victorious and gave a bright testimony of his hope beyond this life. He often prayed for the Ohio preachers and for the success of the work of God.

EDELBERT A. BRYAN was born at Polk, Ohio, June 21, 1850, and departed this life June 7, 1917. Brother Bryan received a common school education at Polk, Ohio, and spent a limited period in advanced studies at an academy at Sullivan, Ohio. He removed to Galion, Ohio, in 1870, and became a fireman on

the Atlantic and Great Western (now the Erie) railroad. He was united in marriage to Miss Ada Hudson, of Edinburg, Portage county, August 8, 1872. To them was born one daughter, Mrs. Reuben Morgan, who with her husband and daughter, Eleanor Persis Morgan, remains to comfort her bereaved and sorrowing mother. Mr. Bryan was converted in early manhood under the labors of the late George W. Pepper, then pastor of the Methodist church at Galion, Ohio, where his wife belonged, she having joined in 1872. Brother Bryan did a great deal of evangelistic work, especially in southern Ohio, during the years of 1895-1904, after which he took regular work in the Ohio conference of the Free Methodist church, serving the church in Mansfield, Ohio, and at Clyde, Ohio, for years, being instrumental, with the help of Brother Stone, in organizing a small society there. His precious spirit went home on the evening of June 7, 1917, while at the Good Samaritan Hospital. His last words were words of prayer for his pastor and the church.

V.—ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS

Without question in our minds the Sunday-school is and ever has been since its origin and will ever increasingly continue to be one of the greatest institutions of the church of God for the promulgation and dissemination of the truths of the gospel and for the instruction of our children in the way of eternal life that has ever been organized.

While the Sunday-school was primarily instituted specially for the instruction of children, we have long since learned that it is equally valuable for imparting a knowledge of the Holy Scriptures to the older members of the community, and a most effectual means of building up the church of God on her most holy faith.

Since we believe that God has raised us up as a people for the purpose of preserving and perpetuating the teachings of our fathers, holding fast the old landmarks which they have set, spreading Scriptural holiness over these lands, we believe the Sunday-school to be one of the best, if not the very best, institutions in the hands of the church for the accomplishment of this end. Because here we have the opportunity of sowing the seed and laying the foundation of these important doctrines and experiences in the minds and hearts of the children before they have come in contact with or under the influences of teachers of erroneous and false doctrines, and their first impressions and teachings usually abide with them and will probably be lasting.

As one of our former committees on Sunday-schools has said, "The Sunday-school is an organization that meets a great need. The evolution of modern educational plans has accorded the Sunday-school an emphatically important place in working out the ideals of Christianity. The public schools have crowded upon the Sunday-school and its teachers a large share of that instruction in morals which rightfully belongs to them." Then this is an age of great parental indifference. There are thousands of children gathered from homes where the name of Jesus is seldom heard and the Bible never opened, hence they would grow up in ignorance of God and the truths of the Bible were it not for the Sunday-school. The Sunday-school affords a splendid opportunity for Christian activity and service through its various branches, which we heartily indorse and urge upon our schools where they are not utilized, the home department, the cradle roll, temperance and mission instruction, etc. None need to be unemployed. Here is a large workshop, one where, if we are diligent, we may be fitted as we serve. Larger numbers ought to volunteer their service. It opens the door to many homes and hearts to us that would otherwise be almost impenetrable. The Sunday-school is a great machine, but its satisfaction should not be that of the hum of its own momentum, but rather in the finished product that comes from it. We should keep before us that the Sunday-school is not an end but only a means to an end, and that end is the salvation of souls. We highly commend our literature which is so ably edited by Prof. D. S. Warner, also the work of our own Brother W. B. Olmstead as general Sunday-school secretary.

VI.—ON EDUCATION

No argument is needed to convince the average man that education is essential to the highest efficiency in nearly every walk of life. We believe it is one of the greatest duties of the age. Men are to a great degree what their education makes them. The design in the mind of the Creator was that the faculties of mind should be developed and used to the glory of God. An education that has lifted this world from the plane of superstition and ignorance up to the realm of light and understanding should be encouraged. Thinking, not growth, makes manhood. Every deep, solid thought strengthens the tension of mind that creates other and more powerful thoughts. The great end of education is to prepare man to fulfil the purposes of human existence. Our ability to glorify God and benefit our fellowman depends largely on our education. We admit that in the nominal church education has to a great extent become a substitute for the baptism of the Holy Ghost, yet we do not believe that a holy ministry should consider their study ended when their examinations are passed, but rather only begun. We rejoice in the beneficial effects of the public school system, promoting as it does general intelligence and temporal prosperity, yet we recognize a serious defect in this system in that its religious influences are often not only lacking in good but positively pernicious. Many of the instructors are bold in the annunciation of infidel sentiments. To save our young people from this unhallowed influence the Free Methodist church has seen fit to establish seminaries and colleges. In these institutions our young people may obtain their education under Christian influences. We believe that the majority of our people only partially appreciate the great value of our schools, the importance of educating their children under their influence and the great privilege of advancing the interest of God's kingdom in the earth by supporting them financially and in securing students for the same. In view of the fact that we are within the patronizing territory of Spring Arbor Seminary and this institution is in need of special help at this time, we would insist upon our people in Ohio coming to its relief.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE OHIO CONFERENCE

CLEVELAND AND TOLEDO DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers and Evangelists	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars Enrolled	Members in Home Department	Names on Cradle Roll	Total Enrollment	General Conference (Assessed Claims)	Foreign Missions	Woman's Foreign Society	Educational Fund	Raised for Sunday School Expenses
Cleveland District																	
Cleveland, First Church.....	J. A. Hopkins, D. E.	95	12	107	2	45	1	25	140	6	30	201	\$ 116 00	\$ 7 05	\$ 254 00	\$ 2 00	\$ 127 55
Cleveland, Union Street and Bennett's Corners.....	F. C. Elaston.....	22	8	30	...	7	2	9	96	...	...	105	23 10	122 00	23 00	2 00	34 64
Rocky River.....	F. E. Gravina, supply	19	1	20	...	12	2	19	125	...	...	144	23 75	73 21	118 51	2 89	63 72
Akron.....	E. F. Aiken.....	71	12	83	3	17	1	13	145	...	...	158	63 75	72 39	218 34	...	95 01
Kent.....	O. L. Stricker.....	55	10	65	...	25	1	15	150	5	25	195	58 75	25 98	215 00	5 00	141 45
Ashtabula, Griggs, Steamburg, Warren and Cortland.....	William M. Bates.....	38	6	44	1	6	2	11	90	...	16	117	37 80	25 98	51 00	5 00	55 28
Youngstown, Sharon Line and Bessemer.....	H. F. Aiken.....	29	1	30	...	1	1	11	48	...	3	62	32 55	...	93 69	2 39	40 75
Big Prairie and Davis.....	C. W. Smith.....	98	8	106	1	30	3	26	234	6	12	278	37 65	...	611 47	8 60	230 16
Pleasant Grove and Howard.....	C. H. Bowen.....	36	...	36	...	11	2	10	123	...	...	133	35 70	...	30 05	1 00	119 78
Canton.....	J. A. Hopkins.....	43	3	46	2	12	1	16	150	4	14	184	45 00	...	36 18	...	115 12
Toledo District																	
Toledo.....	J. C. Sherburne, D. E.	55	9	64	...	18	1	16	150	20	38	224	54 60	...	...	...	255 45
Holland and Mondova.....	F. C. Calkins.....	37	2	39	3	15	2	20	101	...	...	121	49 35	7 00	119 72	65 00	122 16
Delta and Bethel.....	C. W. Warner.....	5	...	5	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	8 40	...	...	...	...
Brunnersburg.....	J. C. Sherburne.....	15	...	15	3	6	1	5	25	...	...	30	15 75	...	...	...	17 50
Kiefersville.....	J. E. Conant.....	7	...	7	...	2	1	8	28	...	...	28	6 30	...	...	...	19 10
Celina.....	Walter Martin.....	15	...	15	...	2	1	6	28	...	...	34	17 85	...	20 83	...	26 08
Hume, Orderville and Lima.....	O. L. Spencer.....	32	3	35	1	7	3	15	80	...	...	95	33 60	29 13	9 00	...	60 01
Bowling Green.....	W. M. Judy.....	11	...	11	1	7	1	3	23	...	...	30	12 10	...	12 32	...	27 56
North Bad, West Point.....	C. G. Williams.....	10	...	10	...	7	1	8	70	...	5	83	15 75	...	...	...	31 27
Chicago Junction.....	C. G. Williams.....	31	5	36	1	7	1	8	70	...	...	83	25 29	40 66	...	...	50 00
Mansfield.....	J. C. Sherburne.....	35	1	36	...	7	1	10	70	...	...	80	43 25	...	58 21	1 00	73 83
Union City, Indiana.....	D. W. Wesley.....	15	4	19	1	3	1	11	44	...	...	55	17 85	10 00	...	...	54 71
Deshler.....	G. S. Marriott.....	5	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6 30	...	...	...	...

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE OHIO CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

COLUMBUS, ATHENS AND SUMMERFIELD DISTRICTS

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers and Evangelists	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars (Number Enrolled)	Members in Home Department	Names on Cradle Roll	Total Enrollment	General Conference (Assessed) Total Only	Foreign Missions	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Educational Fund	Raised for Sunday School Expenses
Columbus District																	
Columbus	R. B. Niles, D. E.	19	7	19	2	6	1	6	40	40	46	46	\$ 24 15	\$ 14 71	\$	\$	\$ 28 96
New Albany	E. D. Crane	15	2	17	1	3	2	3	13	13	18	18	5 25	16 50	7 25	7 57	7 57
Dayton and Dugan Valley	E. E. Niles	14	1	14	2	3	2	7	35	35	42	42	17 85	4 00	7 25	7 25	29 15
Athens District																	
Athens	R. B. Niles, D. E.	24	7	31	2	5	2	13	120	120	133	133	31 50	6 00			65 00
Athens and Stroud's Run	O. M. Shaw	50	7	57	2	11	3	22	118	118	140	140	47 25	30 40			80 00
Mt. Carmel, Hollister and Jacksonville	M. E. Snyder	47	3	50	2	12	3	12	70	70	82	82	49 35	20 00			49 60
Pomeroy Circuit	J. M. Moore, supply																
Summerfield District																	
Summerfield	R. B. Niles, D. E.	62	9	71	1	11	2	15	80	80	95	95	60 90		5 00		70 00
Woodfield, Mt. Ta-	C. A. Mitchell	108	8	116	4	17	5	32	215	215	247	247	111 30	16 40	250 00	63 00	146 88
bor and East Union	T. Z. Hadley	81	17	98	3	8	2	12	83	83	100	100	26 25	53 01	169 23		52 41
Sarabsville, Perryopolis, Olive,	A. A. Price	56	4	60	2	10	2	13	110	110	123	123	78 15				136 61
South Olive and Ava	W. A. Sayre	1285	139	1424	46	352	56	415	2979	91	198	3683	\$1402 05	\$ 518 04	\$ 2833 20	\$ 152 88	\$2522 00
Hall's Chapel and Mt. Grove	E. C. Gravina																
Zanesville and Mt. Sterling																	
Byesville and Senacaville																	
Total																	

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE OHIO CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

COLUMBUS, ATHENS AND SUMMERFIELD DISTRICTS

CHARGE	Raised in Sunday School for Foreign Missions	Raised for Children's Fund	Raised for General Conference S. S. Board	Raised for Annual Conference Sunday School Board	Raised in Sunday School for All Other Benevolences	Total Amount Raised in Sunday School	Conference Missions	Pastors' Support	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Support	Evangelists' Support	Incidentals	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
Columbus District																
Columbus	\$	\$ 1 00	\$	\$	\$ 6 20	36 16	\$ 4 60	\$ 356 00	\$ 180	\$ 49 50	\$	\$ 243 29	1	\$ 3000	1	\$ 3500
New Albany .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 57	80	177 73	.....	43 68	10 00	12 62	1	1000	.....	.....
Dayton and Dugan Valley .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 31	34 46	3 40	302 97	.....	47 30	.....	139 49	2	1800	.....	.....
Athens District																
Athens and Stroud's Run .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	65 00	6 00	828 80	180	67 57	30 00	146 50	2	2700	1	2400
Mt. Carmel, Hollister and Jacksonville .....	.....	2 20	.....	.....	22 00	104 20	9 50	585 05	120	75 46	38 00	139 95	1	1200	1	1900
Pomeroy Circuit	12 35	.....	.....	.....	.....	62 04	9 40	536 00	75	83 65	17 00	98 00	2	1500	1	1500
Summerfield District																
Summerfield, Woodsfield, Mt. Tabor and East Union .....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	5 25	77 25	11 60	686 76	60	105 00	30 00	382 00	3	2500	2	3000
Sarasville, Perryopolis, Olive, South Olive and Avon .....	.....	7 00	.....	.....	16 46	170 04	21 20	937 14	60	150 75	117 28	546 03	4	4500	1	700
Hart's Chapel and Harts Grove .....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	57 41	5 00	443 58	.....	60 99	52 37	169 17	2	1500	.....	.....
Zanesville and Mt. Sterling	26 49	5 50	.....	.....	.....	168 30	19 60	854 34	150	142 82	157 00	725 16	2	2000	1	2100
Eyesville and Senecaville .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35 00	12 60	739 00	120	78 75	20 50	300 00	2	2500	1	1300
Total	\$198 43	\$51 43	15 36	\$21 00	208 45	\$3106 67	\$249 20	\$19978 40	\$ 3462	\$2519 17	\$1223 44	\$9404 69	51	\$ 81000	27	\$52500

PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Thirty-fifth Annual Session, held
at Greensburg, Pennsylvania, October 3-7, 1917

OFFICERS

WILSON T. HOGUE, *President*

WILLIAM G. LONG, *Secretary* J. H. WHITEMAN, *Assistant Secretary*

R. B. CAMPBELL, *Assistant Secretary* L. C. ANDRE, *Statistical Secretary*

FRED M. HENDRICKS, *Assistant Statistical Secretary*

J. P. FOY, *Treasurer*

COMMITTEES

On Nominations—J. B. Easton, R. A. Zahniser, C. H. Miller, E. E. Harford, Miller Flocker.

On Public Worship—Bishop W. T. Hogue, D. W. Rose, Laura Lamb, Myrtle Thompson.

To Publish the Minutes—The secretaries.

To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes—C. L. Page.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—H. W. Armstrong, H. L. Speer, C. B. Callen, C. I. Schroder, Paul Stewart.

To Audit Accounts—Josiah Cusick.

On Locating Church Property—The conference trustees.

On Security of Titles—The district elders.

On Conference Missions—The stationing committee.

On Credentials and Ministerial Relations—W. A. Sellew, H. W. Armstrong, Miller Flocker.

On Education—T. R. Wayne, W. A. Sellew, Eva Pierce.

On Sunday-schools—Fred M. Hendricks, B. Hosbach, Ira Hindman.

On Publications—C. H. Miller, H. L. Dibble, W. A. Hurd.

On Reforms—Olivar Atkinson, J. C. Rose, J. W. Vangilder.

On State of the Work—J. P. Foy, W. W. Spiker, John Simpson.

On Charities—L. N. Campbell, W. A. Rambo, A. A. Starr.

On Reporting for the Press—E. H. Kennedy, Fred M. Hendricks.

On Distributing the Mail—Samuel West.

On Claimants and Claims—Wilson T. Hogue, J. B. Easton, D. W. Rose, Miller Flocker, G. M. Treager.

On Street Meetings—J. J. Zahniser, R. N. Large, Robert Weston, O. O. King, Fred Diddle, C. L. Page, J. F. McClelland, Walter Ayers.

On Complimentary Resolutions—J. C. Douglass.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

W. W. Spiker, president; T. R. Wayne, secretary; Miller Flocker, treasurer; C. H. Miller, Robert Flickinger.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

R. B. Campbell, R. A. Zahniser, secretary, time expires in 1920; H. W. Armstrong, time expires in 1919; D. W. Rose, president, time expires in 1918; T. R. Wayne, time expires in 1918.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

D. W. Rose, president; W. W. Spiker, secretary; G. B. Lambert, treasurer; T. A. Cunningham.

TENT COMMITTEE

J. P. Foy, president; W. W. Spiker, secretary; E. E. Harford, treasurer; J. B.

Easton, D. W. Rose, R. A. Zahniser, T. A. Cunningham, J. D. Anderton, G. B. Lambert, W. F. Snyder.

DIRECTORS OF PROVIDENCE MISSION AND RESCUE HOME

J. P. Foy, J. B. Easton, W. W. Spiker, Oliver Atkinson, E. H. Kennedy, S. G. Sheriff, G. B. Lambert, S. H. Funkhouser, Laura Lamb, Eva Pierce.

CONFERENCE SUNDAY-SCHOOL BOARD

J. H. Whiteman, president; T. R. Wayne, vice-president; E. H. Kennedy, secretary; W. F. Snyder, treasurer; R. B. Campbell, E. E. Harford.

CONFERENCE SUNDAY-SCHOOL SECRETARIES

R. B. Campbell, T. R. Wayne, J. H. Whiteman.

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTIC BOARD

O. Atkinson, president; C. L. Page, secretary; R. B. Campbell, treasurer; Laura Lamb, C. H. Miller, E. E. Harford, W. F. Snyder, G. B. Lambert, John Simpson, T. A. Cunningham.

CONFERENCE TITHERS' LEAGUE

William G. Long, president; J. H. Whiteman, secretary-treasurer; vice-presidents, the district elders.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Education—H. L. Dibble, *On Reforms*—D. W. Rose,
On Publications—W. W. Spiker, *On State of the Work*—J. H. White-
On Charities—J. P. Foy, man,
 On Sunday-schools—J. C. Douglass.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions (15 cents), Church Extension (10 cents); second quarter, Bishops' Salaries (18 cents), Permanent Fund (5 cents); third quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund (50 cents); fourth quarter, Expenses of Delegates to General Conference (16 cents), Entertainment of General Conference (2 cents), Conference Missions (15 cents), Preachers' Sick Benefit Fund (5 cents).

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

President, Alma L. Miller, 416 Center avenue, Butler, Pennsylvania; first vice-president, Laura Lamb, Greensburg, Pennsylvania; second vice-president, Frances R. Wayne, Vandergrift, Pennsylvania; corresponding secretary, Ida M. Shirer, Rochester, Pennsylvania; recording secretary, Edna Rose, Wellsburg, West Virginia; treasurer, Mrs. H. L. Speer, East Liverpool, Ohio, Station A; Junior superintendent, Mary Dibble, Apollo, Pennsylvania.

ADDRESSES

Wilson T. Hogue, bishop, R. D. 2, Michigan City, Indiana; William G. Long, secretary, 807 Cadmus street, East Liverpool, Ohio; R. B. Campbell, treasurer, 466 E. Madison street, Rochester, Pennsylvania; S. G. Sheriff, treasurer of preachers' widows' fund, 217 Kathleen street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

W. A. Sellew,
J. B. Easton,
William G. Long,
C. F. Johnston,
F. W. Boettner,
Olivar Atkinson,
F. E. Glass,
R. A. Zahniser,
H. L. Dibble,
Brooks Morgan,
J. O. Archer,
William Rambo,
C. L. Page,
E. E. Shelhamer,

A. D. Zahniser,
L. C. Andre,
W. W. Spiker,
J. H. Whiteman,
R. N. Large,
D. W. Rose,
L. N. Campbell,
J. C. Rose,
Laura Lamb,
Fred M. Hendricks,
C. B. Callen,
C. I. Schroder,
Anthony Catanese,
J. J. Zahniser.

T. R. Wayne,
H. L. Speer,
B. Hosbach,
J. P. Foy,
C. H. Miller,
H. H. O'Bryon,
H. W. Armstrong,
R. B. Campbell,
J. C. Douglass,
E. H. Kennedy,
Paul Stewart,
John McDonald,
G. U. Brown,

DELEGATES

Mrs. M. E. Cooper,
T. H. Haddin,
John W. Simpson,
Rossalette Ullom,
Mrs. Ora Gordon,
J. E. Diddle,
Ray Coss,
D. E. Henry,
A. A. Starr,
Thomas Gilmer,
E. E. Harford,
Miss Crystal Hopes,
Mamie Fowler,
Mabel Staley,
J. M. Kampman,
David Grant.

Mrs. Cora Pigott,
Grace Thompson,
W. E. Huey,
Laverne Woods,
A. T. Palmer,
G. M. Treager,
Paul Ruth,
John Book,
Mrs. Eva Pierce,
Walter A. Hurd,
Josiah Cusick,
Myrtle Thompson,
Emma Livengood,
Christena Delbridge,
Frank Fordice,

Taylor Bayne,
Iva McWilliams,
Robert Flickinger,
Louis Sutton,
Ellen Burt,
Edna Funk,
Ira Hindman,
Mrs. Anna McCoy,
F. P. Hague,
Miller Flocker,
John W. Vangilder,
R. A. Allison,
Fred Rose,
Vance Cashdollar,
L. B. Jeffries,

2. Who are the stationing committee? Wilson T. Hogue, D. W. Rose, W. W. Spiker, J. B. Easton, R. A. Zahniser, J. P. Foy, Miller Flocker, Robert Flickinger, G. M. Treager, E. E. Harford, F. P. Hague.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? Peter Burleigh, J. Esli Beeson, J. F. McClelland.

4. Who remain on trial? S. W. Ayers, A. L. Duncan, O. O. King, Fred Diddle, A. C. Palmer, Benny Trunick.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? C. L. Page, Anthony Catanese, G. U. Brown.

6. Who are the deacons? B. Hosbach, R. N. Large, Olivar Atkinson, J. C. Rose, J. C. Douglass, Laura Lamb, Brooks Morgan, Paul Stewart, J. O. Archer, E. H. Kennedy, W. A. Rambo.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? C. B. Callen.

8. Who have located this year? E. E. Finley.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? G. U. Brown, H. H. O'Bryon.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? F. E. Glass.

11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? J. J. Zahniser, John McDonald, from the Oil City conference; E. E. Shelhamer, from the Georgia and Florida conference.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference? None.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? None.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The character of each was passed.

15. Who have died this year? None.

16-20. See statistical table.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? Mrs. R. H. Bentley, \$150; Mrs. Lydia Grace and two children, \$100.

22, 23. See statistical table.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At New Brighton, Pennsylvania, as near the fourth Wednesday in September, 1918, as can be arranged by the bishops.

APPOINTMENTS

PITTSBURGH DISTRICT—J. P. Fox, District Elder, 1004 Zahniser street, (West End), Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Pittsburgh (Mt. Washington).....
Olivar Atkinson, 14 Kathleen street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
 Pittsburgh (Franktown Avenue).....
B. Hosbach, 8212 Franktown avenue, Pittsburgh, “
 Pittsburgh (Steuben Street).....
E. H. Kennedy, 1040 Steuben street, Pittsburgh, “
 Pittsburgh (Providence Mission, 24 Sycamore street).....To be supplied
 Pittsburgh (Glenwood Avenue), Homestead and Whitaker.....
L. C. Andre, 78 Almeda street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
 New Kensington.....S. W. Ayers, Ninth street, New Kensington, “
 McKeesport and East McKeesport.....E. E. Shelhamer,
 ...Julia Shelhamer, supply, 318 Stoner avenue, McKeesport, “
 Braddock.....R. N. Large, 515 Hawkins avenue, Braddock, “
 Carnegie.....Agnes Kalb, supply, Carnegie, “
 Frankfort and Burgettstown.....
A. J. Hale, supply, R. F. D., Burgettstown, “
 Smithton.....To be supplied

W. A. Sellew, bishop, Jamestown, New York; F. E. Glass, superannuated; G. U. Brown, supernumerary.

ROCHESTER DISTRICT—W. W. SPIKER, District Elder, 701 Eleventh avenue, New Brighton, Pennsylvania

Rochester and Pleasant Valley.....
R. B. Campbell, 466 E. Madison street, Rochester, Pennsylvania
 New Brighton, Beaver Falls and Fallston.....
J. J. Zahniser, 527 Third avenue, New Brighton, “
 Monaca and Woodlawn.....Samuel West, supply, Monaca, “
 Hookstown.....A. W. Dennis, supply, Hookstown, “
 Ohioville.....E. J. Atkinson, supply, Station A, East Liverpool, Ohio
 East Liverpool (Avondale) and Chester.....
William G. Long, 807 Cadmus street, East Liverpool, “
 East Liverpool (Oakland).....H. L. Speer, Station A, East Liverpool, “
 Wellsville, Stratton and Toronto.....
A. F. Meyer, supply, 513 Eighteenth street, Wellsville, “
 Wellsburg and Georges Run.....
H. W. Armstrong, Twenty-sixth street, Wellsville, West Virginia
 Steubenville, Fallansbee and Wierton.....A. C. Palmer, Fallansbee, “
 Martins Ferry, Bridgeport and Glenn's Run.....O. O. King, Martins Ferry, Ohio
 Ripley.....To be supplied

F. W. Boettner, 4132 E. 111th street, Cleveland, Ohio, and C. F. Johnston, Homer City, Pennsylvania, and J. C. Rose, evangelists; J. M. Moore, transferred to the Ohio conference; H. H. O'Bryon, supernumerary.

BUTLER DISTRICT—J. B. EASTON, District Elder, 48 Cresson street,
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Butler.....C. H. Miller, Alma Miller, supply,
.....416 Center avenue, Butler, Pennsylvania
Callery and Mars.....To be supplied
Vandergrift.....T. R. Wayne, Vandergrift, Pennsylvania
Leechburg and Bagdad.....J. F. McClelland, Leechburg, "
Kittanning....A. L. Duncan, 1322 N. Grant avenue, Kittanning, "
Birdville.....Gretta Ohman, supply, Birdville, "
Tarentum.....J. C. Douglass, 209 E. Seventh street, Tarentum, "
Hites.....L. N. Campbell, Hites, "
Edgeworth.....To be supplied
J. Esli Beeson, left without appointment to attend school.

GREENSBURG DISTRICT—DUDLEY W. ROSE, District Elder, 347 Morewood
avenue, Blairsville, Pennsylvania

Greensburg.....Laura Lamb, Greensburg, Pennsylvania
Arona.....To be supplied
Jeannette.....Benny Trunick, 101 Fifteenth street, Jeannette, Pennsylvania
Indiana and Homer City.....
.....Peter Burleigh, 421 Church street, Indiana, "
Black Lick....S. L. Fish, Elizabeth Fish, supplies, Black Lick, "
Blairsville and Bolivar.....Lucia Rose, supply, Blairsville, "
Avonmore, Salsburg and Tunnelton....Fred Diddle, Avonmore, "
Apollo.....H. L. Dibble, Mary Dibble, supply, Apollo, "
Mt. Pleasant and Bridgeport.....
.....W. A. Rambo, 16 Silver street, Mt. Pleasant, "

A. D. Zahniser, general conference evangelist, Greenville, Illinois; J. O. Archer, attending school at A. M. Chesbro Seminary; Fred M. Hendricks, supplying work in the Texas conference.

UNIONTOWN DISTRICT—R. A. ZAHNISER, District Elder, Evans street,
Uniontown, Pennsylvania

Uniontown.....C. I. Schroder, 302 Evans street, Uniontown, Pennsylvania
West Brownsville.....Fred Tate, supply, West Brownsville, "
Charleroi, Monongahela City, Roscoe and Donora.....
.....C. L. Page, 700 Washington avenue, Charleroi, "
Sunnyside and Webster.....Oliver Walker, supply, "
.....88 Third avenue, Monongahela City, "
Belle Vernon and Monessen....J. H. Whiteman, Belle Vernon, "
Glendale and White House.....
.....Anthony Catanese, R. F. D., Smithfield, "
Fairchance and Oliphant.....C. B. Callen, Fairchance, "
Cove Run and Grindstone.....Brooks Morgan, Percy, "

R. A. Zahniser, member of the Uniontown district quarterly conference;
E. E. Finley, located.

WEST VIRGINIA DISTRICT—R. A. ZAHNISER, District Elder

Opekiski, Murray and Catawba.....
.....Rossalette Ullom, supply, Scottdale, West Virginia
Dellslow, Sarver and Beulah Church.....
.....Boyers Boyce, supply, Penn avenue, Fairmont, "
Fairmont, Enterprise and Goose Creek.....
.....Robert Weston, supply, 215 Powell street, Fairmont, "
Samaria, Mt. Sharon, McKonkey, Grafton and Hendricks.....
.....John McDonald, Route 2, Grafton, "
Morgantown and Jerome Park....Azor Gilmer, Morgantown, "

CONFERENCE ROLL AND PREACHERS' ADDRESSES

Year of admission
into full connection

Name

Address

1877	W. A. Sewell, 68 Falconer street, Jamestown, New York.	
1892	A. D. Zahniser, Greenville, Illinois.	
1892	*H. W. Armstrong, 26th street, Wellsburg, West Virginia.	
1892	*Dudley W. Rose, 347 Morewood avenue, Blairsville, Pennsylvania.	
1895	T. R. Wayne, Vandergrift, Pennsylvania.	
1896	J. B. Easton, 48 Cresson street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.	
1896	L. C. Andre, 78 Almeda street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.	
1897	H. L. Speer, Station A, East Liverpool, Ohio.	
1898	William G. Long, 807 Cadmus street, East Liverpool, Ohio.	
1898	R. A. Zahniser, Evans street, Uniontown, Pennsylvania.	
1899	W. W. Spiker, 701 11th avenue, New Brighton, Pennsylvania.	
1900	B. Hosbach, 8212 Frankstown avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.	
1900	C. H. Miller, 416 Center avenue, Butler, Pennsylvania.	
1901	C. F. Johnston, Homer City, Pennsylvania.	
1901	J. H. Whiteman, Belle Vernon, Pennsylvania.	
1901	F. W. Boettner, 4132 E. 111th street, Cleveland, Ohio.	
1902	R. N. Large, 515 Hawkins avenue, Braddock, Pennsylvania.	
1905	H. H. O'Bryon, West Bridgewater, Pennsylvania.	
1907	Olivar Atkinson, 14 Kathleen street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.	
1908	L. N. Campbell, Hites, Pennsylvania.	
1910	J. C. Rose, Wellsburg, West Virginia.	
1910	R. B. Campbell, 466 E. Madison street, Rochester, Pennsylvania.	
1911	Homer L. Dibble, Apollo, Pennsylvania.	
1913	Laura Lamb, corner Fourth and Main, Greensburg, Pennsylvania.	
1913	John Douglass, 209 E. 7th street, Tarentum, Pennsylvania.	
1914	Brooks Morgan, Percy, Fayette county, Pennsylvania.	
1914	Fred M. Hendricks, 503 Jackson street, Amarillo, Texas.	
1915	Paul Stewart, 8122 Frankstown avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.	
1915	J. O. Archer, North Chili, New York.	
1915	O. O. King, Martins Ferry, Ohio.	
1915	C. B. Callen, Fairchance, Pennsylvania.	
1915	E. H. Kennedy, 1040 Steuben street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.	
1916	William A. Rambo, 16 Silver street, Mt. Pleasant, Pennsylvania.	
1917	C. L. Page, 700 Washington avenue, Charleroi, Pennsylvania.	
1917	Anthony Catanese, R. F. D., Smithfield, Pennsylvania.	
1917	Guy U. Brown, Vandergrift, Pennsylvania.	
ON TRIAL		
1913	S. W. Ayers, Ninth street, New Kensington, Pennsylvania.	
1914	Fred Diddle, Avonmore, Pennsylvania.	
1915	A. C. Palmer, Fallansbee, West Virginia.	
1915	Benny Trunick, 101 15th street, Jeannette, Pennsylvania.	
1917	Peter Burleigh, 421 Church street, Indiana, Pennsylvania.	
1917	J. Esli Beeson, North Chili, New York.	
1917	J. F. McClelland, Leechburg, Pennsylvania.	

*In other conferences.

LOCAL ELDER

Lambert, G. B....Butler, Pennsylvania

LOCAL DEACONS

Bailey, T. H., Arnold street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	Retzer, Fred, 50 Barnett street, Newark, New Jersey
Finley, E. E., Belle Vernon, Pennsylvania	Smith, E. R., R. D., Burgettstown, Pennsylvania
Harford, E. E., Uniontown, Pennsylvania	Spears, J. H., New Brighton, Pennsylvania
King, J. C...Uniontown, Pennsylvania	

LOCAL PREACHERS

Allison, R. A., Hookstown, Pennsylvania	Jones, D. E., East End, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Braddee, W. W., Belle Vernon, Pennsylvania	Long, Fred...Woodlawn, Pennsylvania
Baine, T. Z....Birdville, Pennsylvania	Large, Isaac, Sunny Side, Pennsylvania
Barnes, Thomas, Greensburg, Pennsylvania	Leighlitner, H. G., Leechburg, Pennsylvania
Bailey, R. T., Uniontown, Pennsylvania	McKinnon, A. F., R. D., Arnold, Pennsylvania
Burleigh, Robert, Greensburg, Pennsylvania	Main, T. L., New Brighton, Pennsylvania
Baker, Frank...Fallston, Pennsylvania	Mack, Saul, Baxter street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Bruce, Zachariah, New Sheffield, Pennsylvania	Meyer, A. F., 18th street, Wellsville, Ohio
Delbridge, George, Munhall, Pennsylvania	Miller, I. F., Azan street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Dennis, A. W., Hookstown, Pennsylvania	Nail, T. A.....Butler, Pennsylvania
Flocker, M....Vanport, Pennsylvania	Osborn, Charles, Homestead, Pennsylvania
Funk, Grant, Sta. A., East Liverpool, Ohio	Palm, William...Butler, Pennsylvania
Fish, Samuel, Black Lick, Pennsylvania	Ross, J. H.....Butler, " "
Ford, Samuel, Braddock, Pennsylvania	Robertson, T. C...Apollo, " "
Fansler, S. A., Hendricks, West Virginia	Ruth, Paul, Belle Vernon, Pennsylvania
Grant, David, Sunny Side, Pennsylvania	Rambo, Alvie...Monaca, Pennsylvania
Grafton, W. F., R. D., Chester, West Virginia	Simpson, John, Woodlawn, Pennsylvania
Gilmer, Azor, Morgantown, West Virginia	Smith, S. K., New Brighton, Pennsylvania
Hurd, W. A., Kathleen street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	Stephens, J. D., Jeannette, Pennsylvania
Hill, Harry....Monaca, Pennsylvania	Snyder, W. F., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Harris, C. O., New Brighton, Pennsylvania	Snyder, H. G....Butler, Pennsylvania
Helsley, E. N., Kedron street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	Snyder, John....Apollo, " "
Hindman, I. E., Valley View, Butler, Pennsylvania	Telford, Harry, Rochester, Pennsylvania
Isenberg, David, McKeesport, Pennsylvania	Wakefield, Isaac, Belle Vernon, Pennsylvania
	Walker, Olivar, Monongahela, Pennsylvania

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Armstrong, Ella, Wellsburg, West Virginia	Spiker, Cora, New Brighton, Pennsylvania
Dibble, Mary L., Apollo, Pennsylvania	Ullom, Rossalette, Scottdale, West Virginia
Fish, Elizabeth, Black Lick, Pennsylvania	Young, Eva, Sycamore street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Miller, Alma....Butler, Pennsylvania	Wayne, Frances, Vandergrift, Pennsylvania
Rose, Edna..Wellsburg, West Virginia	
Rose, Lucia..Blairsville, Pennsylvania	
Shirer, Ida...Rochester,	

DISTRICT EVANGELISTS

Callen, Mary, Fairchance, Pennsylvania	Kolb, Agnes...Carnegie, Pennsylvania
Duffy, Fanny, Wellsburg, West Virginia	Moreland, Effie...East Liverpool, Ohio
Fansler, Cora, Hendricks, West Virginia	Mason, Margaret, Vandergrift, Pennsylvania
Foy, Clara...Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	Vangilder, Olive, Catawba, West Virginia
Glossar, Agatha, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	Waugh, Elizabeth, Carnegie, Pennsylvania
Grace, Lydia, Kambach street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	Zahniser, Jennie, New Brighton, Pennsylvania
Hawkins, Addie, Haywood, West Virginia	Zahniser, Sarah....Greenville, Illinois

MISCELLANEOUS

The thirty-fifth annual session of the Pittsburgh conference of the Free Methodist church was held in the Baptist church, Greensburg, Pennsylvania, October 3-7, 1917. Bishop Wilson T. Hogue presided. His many friends were glad to greet him again. His sermon Sabbath morning on "Preaching Christ" was excellent. His good wife was with him and represented the Publishing House.

We were all more than pleased to have with us "our own 'Brother' Sellw." His missionary address Sunday afternoon was par excellent. Nearly six hundred dollars in cash and subscriptions was taken for missions. May our heavenly Father add many years to our dear Brother Sellw, for surely they shall all be given as those for nearly half a century, to the church of his choice.

Sister Lamb did herself and her people credit in managing the entertainment so well with the W. C. T. U. state convention of nearly five hundred delegates in session in this same city during the session of the conference. She is beloved of the people of Greensburg as well as by her own society.

The following visiting ministers were introduced to the conference and invited to honorary seats: F. N. Fox, L. J. Lindsay and W. E. McFadden, of the Oil City conference; C. W. Bacon, of the Genesee conference; J. F. Beeson, of the Georgia and Florida conference; L. L. Pickett, of the Methodist Episcopal church, South; W. A. Knapp, of the local United Brethren church, and Dr. H. J. Whalen, of the local Baptist church. His speech to the conference was spirited and amusing. A man from the city asked him why the Free Methodists made so much noise in their worship. He replied, "Brother, if you had half as much religion as those people, it is hard to tell what you would do." We were all glad to welcome back to our conference that invincible man and his good wife, Rev. and Mrs. E. E. Shelhamer.

The session was a most harmonious one and all received their appointments and went home feeling that the Lord had blessed us together and that we were better qualified to "go" than before.

The following greeting was received from the state W. C. T. U. in session in Greensburg at the time of the session of this conference:

"The Pennsylvania W. C. T. U. appreciates the sympathy and cooperation of your church in the battle against the liquor traffic.

"We believe that the saloon *would* destroy the church if it could; the church *could* destroy the saloon if it would. We pray that the time may soon come when the whole church will awake to its high privilege and duty."

TREASURERS' REPORTS

GENERAL MISSIONS—Assessed and paid, \$250.95.

BISHOPS' SALARIES—Assessed and paid, \$301.14.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS—Assessed and paid, \$836.50.

PERMANENT FUND—Assessed and paid, \$83.65.

CHURCH EXTENSION—Assessed and paid, \$167.30.

GENERAL CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT—Assessed and paid, \$33.46.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL CONFERENCE—Assessed and paid, \$83.65.

CONFERENCE MISSIONS—Assessed and paid, \$250.95.

PREACHERS' SICK FUND—Assessed and paid, \$83.65.

CASH IN DIAMOND NATIONAL BANK, PITTSBURGH, \$194.02.

EVANGELISTS' FUND—Cash in West End Savings Bank & Trust Co., \$250; amount loaned on interest, \$425; total, \$675.

GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES' FUND—Cash in the Diamond National Bank, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, not considering the collections of this conference year, \$172.76; this conference year's collection, \$83.65; total, \$256.41.

J. P. Foy, Treasurer.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF TENT COMMITTEE

RECEIPTS:

Balance in treasury from last year.....	\$ 587.19
Interest on account from May 12, 1916, to April 1, 1917	16.94
Tent rent received from Butler district.....	71.64
Tent rent received from Greensburg district.....	40.00
Tent rent received from Rochester district.....	172.75
Tent rent received from Pittsburgh district.....	110.00
Tent rent received from Uniontown district.....	43.15
Interest on account from April 1 to October 1.....	6.88

AMOUNT PAID OUT:

February 17, 1917, R. N. Large.....	\$ 1.50
May 23, 1917, W. W. Spiker, carfare.....	3.00
May 23, 1917, William G. Long, storage of tents.....	25.00
June 29, 1917, D. W. Rose, carfare.....	3.40
June 29, 1917, J. D. Anderton, carfare.....	2.20
June 29, 1917, William G. Long, work and material....	46.13
July 14, 1917, William G. Long, work and material....	8.00
July 21, 1917, D. M. Kerr Mfg. Co.....	159.85
July 28, 1917, William G. Long, work.....	5.50
August 24, 1917, C. H. Miller, extra freight on tents....	4.14

Total amount paid out..... \$ 258.72

Total receipts\$1,048.55

Amount in treasury..... \$ 789.83

E. E. HARFORD, Treasurer.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF PROVIDENCE MISSION AND RESCUE HOME

(For year ending August 31, 1917. By quarters)

September, October and November—Total receipts, \$676.98; disbursed, \$797.29.

Matron and assistant, \$105.00.

Charity agent, \$65.02.

December, January and February—Total receipts, \$568.99; disbursed, \$558.25.

Matron, \$60.00.

Assistant matron, \$45.00.

Charity agent, \$59.87.

March, April and May—Total receipts, \$513.41; disbursed, \$435.59.

Matron, \$60.00.

Assistant matron, \$33.75.

Charity agent, \$58.38.

June, July and August—Total receipts, \$363.10; disbursed, \$613.59.

Matron, \$60.00.

Assistant matron, \$8.00.

Charity agent, \$56.49.

TOTAL FOR MATRONS AND CHARITY AGENT FOR YEAR, \$613.51.

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR YEAR, \$2,122.48. TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS, \$2,404.72.

J. PAUL FOY, Treasurer of Rescue Home.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF PASTORS' WIDOWS' FUND

(For the year ending September 30, 1917)

RECEIPTS:

Balance on hand last report.....	\$ 18.85
Cash collection at Uniontown conference.....	\$ 21.60
Joseph S. Anderson.....	13.00
F. M. Hendricks.....	6.00
R. A. Zahniser.....	3.00
Mrs. M. Lackman.....	5.00
Mrs. R. H. Baxter.....	3.00
B. Trunick.....	12.00
G. U. Brown.....	2.00
Mrs. R. T. Bailey.....	6.00
Mrs. T. R. Wayne.....	6.00
J. B. Easton.....	6.00
W. D. Rearick.....	5.00
Olivar Atkinson.....	3.00
Mary Gillespie.....	3.00
W. E. Smith.....	12.00
John W. Book.....	12.00
Mrs. Daisy Brown.....	3.00
Mrs. J. J. Zahniser.....	3.00
Wilmer Snyder.....	2.00
Myrtle Thompson.....	3.00
Mrs. J. C. Rose.....	5.00
W. W. McCormick.....	6.00
H. W. Armstrong.....	5.00
C. H. Miller.....	6.00
D. W. Rose.....	6.00
C. I. Schroder.....	12.00
J. H. Whiteman.....	8.00

\$177.60

Total.....

\$196.45

DISBURSEMENTS:

Paid to Mrs. L. A. Grace.....

\$144.00

Balance cash on hand.....

\$ 52.45

S. G. SHERIFF, Treasurer.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON EDUCATION

The Free Methodist church stands firmly for a broad, liberal and thorough education of all its young people, and we reaffirm what has been so ably written on this subject and which has been approved by this and other conferences.

We can not, however, approve of much that the schools and colleges of the present time have associated with education. We refer to modern athletics, fraternities, social dancing and many other forms of dissipation openly practised in the public schools and in the colleges, and in many of them allowed and encouraged by the authorities of such educational institutions.

In many of these institutions the educational phase of college life has become secondary to these other things mentioned above. One of the presidents of a large university, after a long struggle to eliminate or subordinate athletics, fraternities and college dissipation, resigned and was reported to have made the following remark: "The side shows have swallowed up the circus, and we in the main tent no longer know what is going on. I refuse to be a ring-master any longer under such conditions."

For these and other reasons the Free Methodist church has been compelled by the law of self-preservation to establish her own educational institutions. This she has done until she has a chain of eight seminaries located at convenient places throughout the United States, and one well equipped college at Greenville, Illinois.

The first general superintendent of our church, the cultured, educated and saintly B. T. Roberts, at the beginning of our denominational existence saw with prophetic vision the educational conditions of the future and at a great sacrifice of time, strength and money established the first denominational school for the Free Methodist church. This was called the "Chili Seminary" because it was located at North Chili, in New York State. The name of the institution was afterward changed to "The A. M. Chesbrough Seminary." This institution, with a record of about fifty years of successful existence, is entitled to our hearty support, and we recommend our people in this conference to send to it their sons and daughters who desire to secure an academic education and to support it liberally with their means.

We also recommend that all college students attend Greenville College. We can not afford the moral risk involved in sending our young people to worldly schools and colleges.

II.—ON STATE OF THE WORK

As a conference assembled we acknowledge that this past year God has graciously accomplished for us all He could, consistent with the faith, devotion and zeal we have possessed for His work. Could He have done more for us consistent with His own glory and holiness He would gladly have done so. Notwithstanding our failures He has been pleased to bless us in the six camp meetings that have been held and in the many revival services. Our general gatherings have been seasons of special blessings and many have sought the Lord and a goodly number have been either saved or sanctified. We are thankful that unity and fellowship prevail among us. We thank God for the good preaching, devotion and love that is manifest among us, and we believe to a great extent our members are contending for the faith of our church.

While we have many things to be thankful for, and we have reasons to be encouraged and not despair, yet we have great need for humiliation, and when we consider the little we have actually accomplished in the saving of souls and the advancement of God's clean work, our hearts are made sad. It is God's will that we should succeed and we are not succeeding as much as we ought. We call attention to some defects which if considered seriously and remedied would make for good among us.

First. There is a lack of whole-hearted consecration to the work. It

means more to be consecrated to our work to-day than in the past. The high cost of living and the many opportunities to secure monied positions tend to militate against the preacher giving his whole time to the work of God. While there are good reasons sometimes for ministers securing at least part of their living by secular employment, yet as a rule it indicates lack of faith in God, and if their holy calling was faithfully prosecuted God would blessedly honor their faith, labors and consecration and provide for their needs.

Second. Too much can not be said concerning the importance of pastoral visiting from house to house, not only among our own members but especially among the outsiders. What says our excellent Discipline? "And what avails public preaching alone though we could preach like angels? We must, yea, every traveling preacher must, instruct the people from house to house." There has always been more or less complaint on this line, sometimes unjustly but most times justly. God will especially bless in this most necessary work, and wherever it is faithfully performed the attendance at church is increased, souls are saved and the work is prospered.

Third. There is a decrease of evangelistic zeal among us. In the past it was the rule for our preachers to hold many revivals in new as well as on the old fields, but now it seems that the pastor is doing less and less of the work of an evangelist. Lack of soul burden and also a failure of the church to encourage and help the pastor to new fields is a great hindrance to success in such work. Every pastor and district elder ought to do the work of an evangelist as much as possible.

Fourth. There is need of a better attendance at our district quarterly meetings and camp meetings. A greater effort ought to be made to attend them, as they are a great source of blessing and encouragement. Some make special self-denial to attend camp meetings and other meetings while some others seem to have no conscience in the matter.

Fifth. There exists on the part of some a lack of wholesome regard for the convictions of others. We believe this to be a great hindrance to best fellowship and spiritual success. Conscientious convictions Scripturally founded, whether in small or great matters, ought to be always regarded and recognized. Brotherly advice ought always to be sought and desired before proceeding to do anything that would be displeasing to the members of the conference or church pertaining to that which in any way would likely militate against Christian love or fellowship. Christian liberty is not a spirit of independence or license to do as you please, but a spirit of brotherly recognition and regard. We must seek to do that which will most please God and exert the greatest influence for good with the greatest number of people. We should all beware of an independent spirit. "It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink, nor anything whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak." "Happy is he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth." We believe it will add to the influence, the dignity and the honor of a minister of the gospel to be becomingly garbed so that he will be generally recognized as an ambassador of the cross of Christ, rather than to appear so much like an ordinary civilian or business man.

Sixth. If we would maintain the standard and spirituality of our church there must be more of a *judicious* and *wholesome* administration of church discipline. It is not merely the enforcement of discipline that is so necessary, but rather the judicious and wholesome manner in which it is administered. Many could be saved to God and the church if they were lovingly and kindly dealt with. Laxity on the one side or a rash mode of procedure on the other are both detrimental to the individuals involved, whom they wish to rescue, and also to the success of the church. It frequently happens that those who are so anxious to discipline a member and deprive him of his membership are prompted and actuated by a spirit of personal grievance or contention instead of pure love for the church and the purity of its membership. If we use discipline as a club to fight another we will certainly feel the blow of the weapon ourselves. Members ought not to be allowed to continue violating the rules

of the church and Discipline without being properly dealt with by those in official authority, yet every effort that love and mercy can employ must be used to save the offender as well as to maintain the honor, dignity and spirituality of the church. "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness [not meat-axes], considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted." Oh, may heavenly wisdom be given us to keep us from compromise or fanaticism.

The year with its toils and labors has flown;
Its trials, its tests and temptations have gone;
Its heartaches and sorrows have all fled away,
And only in memory are with us to-day.

God, grant us Thy blessing as we face the new year;
God, grant us Thy presence to comfort and cheer;
God give us Thy Spirit, God give us Thy love,
May our hearts be enkindled with fire from above.

III.—ON PUBLICATIONS

In these days of aggressive militarism it yet remains true that "the pen is mightier than the sword." No great change in the moral, social or spiritual world can be brought about until public sentiment favorable to such a change has been created, and the press is, without doubt, the strongest factor in the formation of public sentiment. It is encouraging to note that a goodly percentage of the newspapers of our land have taken a position on the right side of some of the great moral questions of the day.

The character of one's reading matter also largely determines the character of the personal heart and life. Especially is this true in the case of the young, whose minds are in a formative state. We can not, therefore, afford to place in the hands of our children anything but the best literature. Books and periodicals which give false notions of God and His authority, distorted views of life and its responsibilities, or a lower standard of morality than that given in the Word of God, should have no place in our libraries or on our center tables. Especially would we lift up a warning voice against those books and pamphlets bearing high sounding religious titles and claiming to be expositions of the Word of God, but which are, in reality, contrary to its teachings and intended to undermine faith and, if possible, "deceive the very elect." Too often have we found these books with their poisonous doctrines in Free Methodist homes.

An ever-increasing number of books, doctrinal, devotional and missionary, may be obtained from our own Publishing House, which we feel deserves, and should have, the patronage of our people to a greater degree than in the past.

The *Free Methodist*, with its weekly budget of church news, its interesting and instructive articles on doctrine and experience and its able editorials on the vital questions in the religious world, should have a place in every Free Methodist home. It should always have first place in our list of subscriptions to religious papers.

We should also recommend the universal use among our people of our own Sabbath-school publications. Much of the Sabbath-school literature of the day is tainted with agnosticism and higher criticism to such an extent that it is unsafe to put it into the hands of our children. We need, as of old, to "beware of seducing spirits and doctrines of devils," even though clothed in religious garb and parading under the banner of Christian education.

The *Missionary Tidings*, *Providence Mission Tidings* and *Gerry Homes Messenger*, each representing a special and very important branch of Christian activity, should have the hearty support of our people at all times, but

especially at this time, when the increased cost of materials makes their continued publication a very serious problem.

We recommend that every pastor make earnest and continued effort to advance the interest of all the above-mentioned publications and believe that the result will be not only a relieving of the financial burdens of the publishers, but also a quickening of the moral and spiritual life of the people. "A word to the wise is sufficient."

IV.—ON CHARITY

Charity is defined as the principle of prevailing love to God and good-will to men, which effectually inclines one indued with it to glorify God and to do good to others. It is made very plain in the Scriptures that it is the Christian's duty to be charitable and benevolent. In first John 3:17 we read: "Whoso hath this world's goods and seeth his brother have need and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him." But better still, it is a great privilege to help in doing good, and Jesus said it was more blessed to give than to receive. It was the love of God in the poor widow's heart that caused her to cast into the treasury all she had, and Jesus took notice and said she had given more than all the rest.

There is great reward and blessing comes from Christian, charitable and benevolent acts, and when Jesus drew the picture of the last judgment He said, "Then shall the King say unto them on His right hand, come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, for I was an hungered and ye gave me meat, I was thirsty and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger and ye took me in, naked and ye clothed me; I was sick and ye visited me, I was in prison and ye came unto me." Wherever the gospel of Christ is preached and practised, it has set up a standard of doing good far above the world's idea of charity and benevolence.

The secret lodge members tell us their order is a benevolent and charitable institution. They visit their sick, bury their dead, care for their widows, school their orphans and furnish a home for their aged members, but it only reaches a few that are in good standing in the lodge, and with the best argument that can be produced in favor of the secret society as a charitable and benevolent institution their arguments fall flat when compared with the good Samaritan's act of charity as recorded in the tenth chapter of St. Luke, which forms a portion of some of their rituals.

THE WORLD'S CHARITY

What the world calls charity is not wise nor safe to help along, nor the spirit in which it gives. It gives its greatest gifts where the loudest praise is expected to be sounded.

MEANS USED TO GATHER FUNDS

The means taken to raise its funds, such as charity balls, nickelodeons, theater going, poverty socials, bazaars, etc., the use made of the money, such as buying tobacco for the soldier boys, and many other such acts that might be mentioned, all, instead of being a blessing, prove to be a curse. All such so-called acts of charity and benevolence should not be commended but rather be condemned. We have great reason and should be thankful for the good work that is being done by the Free Methodist church in raising up and carrying on such charitable institutions as the Gerry Orphanage and Home, Chicago Industrial Home for Children, the Rescue Home in Pittsburgh, the Olive Branch Mission in Chicago, and others, and by our prayers and by our means we should help to support these God-given charitable institutions and help to bless the world.

V.—ON REFORMS

Ever since the fall of man there has been need of reform, but never greater need than at the present time. Only a few things may be mentioned of the

many things that could be taken up under this head, and the time has arrived when we need not go outside of our own denomination.

ORGANIZATIONS.—We appreciate the good work of the Red Cross Society and would encourage any movement to lessen the misery and pain of our own and other soldiers upon the great battlefield of the earth, yet we feel we can not be one with them in all their plans of raising money and in the purchasing and sending of cards and tobacco to the soldiers.

DRESS.—We believe God's rule on this question to be the best and only rule for us; let us make no other rule, either for ourselves or for others, and we shall do well.

There are extremes on either side of virtue's path, and we should seek to avoid either extreme. There is a way that seemeth right. The way of the world seems right to some, and the way of fanaticism seems right to others, but God is not pleased with either. On the one hand let us not be governed or led by the fashions of the world. And on the other hand we must not allow ourselves to become careless about our personal appearance, especially ministers, for this has much to do with our influence over other people. We are unalterably opposed to the godless fashions of our day, especially the shocking, transparent, immodest dress, but we would commend cleanliness, tidiness and plainness in our attire. We call attention to soiled collars and cuffs, and to unclean and unpressed garments. Many would be more useful for God and humanity if they gave more attention to their personal appearance.

PARENTAL AUTHORITY.—What a sad state of things exists in our homes to-day where parents have little or no control, and where there is a lack of natural affection and a lack of respect for parents and for the church, ministers' families not excluded. The absence of the young people from the family altar and from the church services, parents busy taking care of their money, their business or their flocks, attending religious meetings, if not club or society meetings, and their children running the streets in idleness with evil companions and attending worldly amusements. Our boys using vulgar language and smoking cigarettes, while our girls are immodestly dressed and many of them are wearing gold. How unlike Joshua, who says: "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

SABBATH DESECRATION.—A strict observance of the Sabbath has become a thing of the past. Through the automobiles, motorcycles, railroad trains, street cars, public parks, etc., Sabbath desecrators and pleasure lovers are "seeking their own pleasure and speaking their own words." But where there is no Sabbath there is no God, whether that be in an individual, church or nation.

THE SIN OF IRREVERENCE.—The great decay of reverence is the danger of our modern life. A peril of the church is that she may become the center of a social movement to the detriment of reverence and spirituality. There seems to be a growing irreverence for God's house. The honored custom of kneeling in silent prayer as we enter the place of worship to a great degree is being discontinued. And before and after the services the time is spent in visiting and discussing current events of secular interest. Let us maintain the sanctity of God's house. So sacred should the place be where we are to meet God that everything foreign to His worship should be eliminated, including secular newspapers. The hour of worship is often profaned by irreverence; prayer is nothing if it is not the august reverence of the soul. But what is reverence? We know no better way of defining the term than is given us in the following words by Rev. J. H. Jowett: "Reverence is a sensitive sense of the holy and gracious presence of God. Reverence is an abiding sense of the nearness of God. Reverence is the serene and worshipful feeling that God is, and that His relationship to the soul is inconceivably near and intimate. Reverence is the soul bending low in recognition of the claims of God's holy love and grace. Reverence is a feeling after God, the response of the soul to the call of the Lord. Reverence is the sacred element of the church. Now we always appro-

priate the characteristics of the thing we most revere. We can not revere anything lofty without becoming exalted. We can not revere anything holy without ourselves becoming purer. The character of the object of our homage determines our character. In reverence our souls appropriate the life of God."

SPIRITUALITY.—Great men have fallen and great churches have fallen. Let us, therefore, fear. We deplore the lack of spiritual power and unction among us, the absence of the meek and quiet spirit which in God's sight is of great price. Brethren, there is a cause for this. Let us avoid with care the dangerous rocks of fanaticism on the one hand, and let us with equal care avoid the icebergs of worldliness and formality. And let us carefully avoid the common snare of covetousness, or love of money, lest we be drowned in the gulf of destruction and perdition. The Master has warned us of the danger of allowing the cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches and the lusts of other things to enter our minds and choke the word so that we become unfruitful. Some have thus erred from the faith and have pierced themselves through with many sorrows. "But thou, O man of God, flee these things, and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness, and having food and raiment let us therewith be content."

THE MINISTRY.—There is a crying demand for deep, spiritual truths, delivered in demonstration of the Spirit and of power. "Preach the Word," says the great apostle. We are too apt to preach our own ideas and opinions instead of a "Thus saith the Lord." Some are inclined to dwell too much on negative issues and not preach enough the positive side of salvation. In some places the people are suffering for want of the real gospel, because their pastor does not apply himself to the study of the Word and prayer. He gets up and talks, but he does not feed them. But of course he expects them to feed him. You can tell when a man gets up to preach, whether he is prepared, whether he has a message from God. Some preachers destroy the force and effect of their sermons by throwing into them a sprinkling of lightness. Their spirit is light and their words are light. Words coming from God through His minister should be weighty. They should be loaded words. Some ministers can give you the latest news of the day concerning worldly matters, but nothing new and fresh from heaven. There is a lot of preaching that is not gospel at all. Our people want the Word of God. The meat of the word and their soul requires it.

Then, we are admonished, "Be ye clean that bear the vessels of the Lord." We can not be too careful in the matter of keeping ourselves morally clean. God's work has greatly suffered from the effects of immoral conduct on the part of the ministers.

Again let us be aggressive. It is sad to hear the reports of a loss in membership. There may be a number of causes for this, but one cause is that we shut ourselves up on our little circuit or charge and spend all our time and strength there, where the truth has been preached for years, instead of going out into new territory. We are like the farmer who plows and works one field over and over until he wears it out; and we have known them to take from the soil from year to year without adding anything to it. Consequently, their crops are a failure. There are new fields all around us. Let us reach out and enter every open door, break up the new ground and sow the gospel seed into new soil that we may reap a greater harvest. John Wesley said, "The world is my parish." Jesus said, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." Let us follow our calling to spread Scriptural holiness over the land. Holiness itself is a mighty protest against all non-conformity to the will of God.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

GREENSBURG, UNIONTOWN AND WEST VIRGINIA DISTRICTS

Pittsburgh Conference

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CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers and Evangelists	Copies of "Tree Methodists" Taken	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars (Number Enrolled)	Members in Home Department	Names on Cradle Roll	Total Enrollment	General Conference (Assessed Claims) Total Only	Foreign Missions	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Educational Fund	Raised For Sunday School Expenses
Greensburg District																	
Greensburg	D. W. Rose, D. E.	35	1	36	3	5	4	7	50	12	7	78	\$ 40 00	\$	68 00	\$15 00	\$ 69 55
Jeanette	Laura Lamb	3	3	6	1	1	1	12	40	...	18	110	26 40	...	20 00	1 00	75 00
Jeannette	L. C. Andre	20	2	22	1	3	1	12	40	...	18	160	26 40	...	20 00	1 00	75 00
Black and Marion Center	Lucia Rose	30	4	34	2	2	1	1	8	...	18	126	20 45	...	42 45	...	68 90
Black and Bonner City	S. M. Rose	19	4	23	1	6	1	7	60	...	16	88	21 00	...	68 41	...	52 93
Black and Bonner City	F. M. Hendricks	19	4	23	1	6	1	7	60	...	16	88	21 00	...	68 41	...	52 93
Avonmore and Tunnelton	Fred Diddle	17	11	28	...	1	1	11	81	...	30	130	18 90	...	175 00	...	45 39
Avonmore and Tunnelton	H. L. Dibble	51	6	57	3	6	1	14	140	...	25	184	58 80	...	175 00	...	238 82
Apollo	W. A. Rambo	34	7	41	...	2	6	19	65	...	23	111	44 10	...	54 87	...	142 56
Mt. Pleasant and Bridgeport	W. A. Rambo	34	7	41	...	2	6	19	65	...	23	111	44 10	...	54 87	...	142 56
Arona	Paul Steward	7	1	8	...	2	1	5	10	...	...	15	7 50	...	...	...	...
Uniontown District																	
Uniontown	R. A. Zahniser, D. E.	31	8	39	2	3	1	12	148	20	30	210	22 05	...	213 00	...	290 42
West Brownsville and Charleroi	C. I. Schroder	28	8	36	1	15	1	11	40	14	35	109	19 35	...	48 48	...	71 42
Glennside and Whitehouse	Lloyd Page	19	3	22	3	2	1	6	120	...	54	136	19 35	...	...	...	52 49
Glennside and Whitehouse	Oliver Walker	14	6	20	1	2	1	6	120	...	54	136	19 35	...	...	...	52 49
Glennside and Whitehouse	A. J. Hale	50	10	60	1	6	1	28	208	46	69	346	60 90	...	100 56	...	186 14
Glennside and Whitehouse	Charles Gatten	16	7	23	2	4	1	28	208	46	69	346	60 90	...	100 56	...	186 14
Glennside and Whitehouse	John Whitehead	16	7	23	2	4	1	28	208	46	69	346	60 90	...	100 56	...	186 14
Glennside and Whitehouse	John Whitehead	16	7	23	2	4	1	28	208	46	69	346	60 90	...	100 56	...	186 14
Cove Run	Brooks Morgan	34	13	47	...	4	1	12	93	...	32	137	36 40	...	56 77	...	85 84
West Virginia District																	
West Virginia District	R. A. Zahniser, D. E.	30	4	34	1	26	2	9	30	...	...	39	34 10	...	11 00	...	9 60
Sharon, McConkey, etc.	John MacDonald	16	19	35	1	1	3	15	65	...	...	80	3 15	...	...	...	18 50
Morgantown	Boyers Boyce	27	3	30	3	3	4	3	40	...	...	44	19 95	...	64 86	...	40 71
Farmount, Enterprise, etc.	R. W. Weston	12	2	14	1	4	2	5	60	...	...	65	8 40	...	...	...	6 87
Catawba	Rossalette Ullom	12	2	14	1	4	2	5	60	...	...	65	8 40	...	...	...	6 87
Total	...	1684	300	1984	87	373	73	536	4436	444	1014	6430	\$1781 06	\$ 63 86	\$ 7127 89	\$38 29	\$5145 65

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

PITTSBURGH, ROCHESTER AND BUTLER DISTRICTS

CHARGE	Raised in Sunday School for Foreign Missions	Raised for Children's Fund	Raised for General Conference	Raised for Annual S. S. Board	Raised in Sunday School Board	Other Benevolences	Total Amount Raised in Sunday School	Conference Missions	Pastors' Support	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Support	Evangelists' Support	Incidentals	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
Pittsburgh District																	
Pittsburgh (Mt. Washington).....	\$138 07	\$ 6 00	\$ 50 50	\$ 3 33	\$ 2 50	\$59 22	\$ 216 80	\$ 11 70	\$83 30	\$ 300	\$ 924 80	\$.....	\$ 879 43	1	\$ 6000	1	\$ 4000
Pittsburgh (Steuben Street).....	15 00	2 63	1 00	1 00	1 00	.....	117 94	9 60	821 28	.....	182 25	15 26	492 13	1	4000	1	2000
Pittsburgh (Franktown Avenue).....	16 13	4 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	117 94	9 60	730 00	288	107 25	61 32	356 36	1	4000	1	1000
Homesstead, Whitaker and Glenwood Avenue.....	.....	8 57	.....	.....	.....	.....	165 80	3 30	644 27	120	62 22	1 53	190 26	2	4200	1	1000
Braddock.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	71 30	4 80	709 88	200	77 30	57 16	176 77	1	3000	1	2000
McKeesport.....	14 74	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	142 41	7 50	800 82	110	154 00	81 76	175 87	1	4000	1	4000
New Kensington.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50 46	4 50	600 00	.....	32 35	1 52	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Carnegie.....	9 02	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	62 14	2 70	125 91	.....	32 35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Frankford and Burgetstown.....	7 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	23 25	3 20	250 50	.....	34 74	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Southton.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Camp meeting, etc.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rochester District																	
Rochester.....	.....	1 63	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	105 30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rochester Pleasant Valley.....	.....	4 25	2 00	.....	3 81	21 57	128 35	9 00	841 80	150	106 39	63 75	221 26	2	4000	1	1000
New Brighton.....	98 72	.....	.....	.....	6 09	3 10	108 10	13 45	1001 00	300	200 00	160 68	1502 63	1	5250	1	3250
Monaca and Woodlawn.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	173 30	3 30	641 34	.....	56 77	101 41	243 52	1	1550	1	1750
Hookstown.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	174 28	6 45	615 00	.....	75 82	.....	124 91	1	1500	1	1200
East Liverpool (Oakland).....	22 60	2 50	1 00	.....	1 00	43 80	289 34	7 20	1004 00	60	80 00	5 00	150 15	1	2500	1	2800
East Liverpool and Chester.....	13 04	1 68	.....	.....	.....	13 12	61 58	1 80	219 00	.....	21 97	.....	365 63	2	4000	1	2200
Ohioville.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	77 72	4 50	484 75	.....	49 61	.....	125 23	1	2200	.....	.....
Wellsville, Stratton, etc.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	189 65	6 90	796 55	60	82 32	40 00	184 76	1	1500	.....	.....
Wellsville and George's Run.....	9 76	.....	.....	.....	.....	37 50	449 98	4 80	1183 64	.....	114 71	132 20	193 43	1	2000	1	3500
Steubenville and Follansbee.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	130 07	4 80	891 92	.....	68 49	.....	270 43	1	2000	.....	.....
Bridgeport and Martins Ferry.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sandyville and Mt. Oliver.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Camp meeting, etc.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Butler District																	
Butler.....	12 44	13 00	3 67	2 83	20 80	226 13	226 13	16 95	1007 64	96	102 69	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
Gallery and Mars.....	17 47	5 00	3 15	.....	1 00	43 35	43 35	.....	268 64	.....	181 81	98 92	304 38	1	11000	1	4000
Vandergrift.....	16 36	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	207 95	9 90	1306 00	240	30 61	4 50	43 35	2	2000	.....	.....
Leechburg and Bardonia.....	17 48	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 72	6 30	465 95	180	76 15	35 00	700 50	1	5000	1	3000
Kittanning and Kittittown.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	169 50	7 95	750 00	180	90 91	.....	94 48	2	2500	1	2000
Birdville and Freeport.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	359 00	7 95	359 00	.....	35 85	.....	335 45	1	6000	1	3000
Tarentum.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	283 10	8 00	1073 40	120	133 31	5 00	140 00	1	2500	.....	.....
Hites and Harwick.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	56 46	3 60	1073 40	140	133 31	.....	746 25	1	10000	1	3500
Camp meeting, etc.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	98 00	10 00	69 16	1	3000	1	2500

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

GREENSBURG, UNIONTOWN AND WEST VIRGINIA DISTRICTS

CHARGE	Raised in Sunday School for Foreign Missions	Raised for Children's Fund	Raised for General Conference S. S. Board	Raised for Annual Conference Sunday School Board	Raised in Sunday School for All Other Benevolences	Total Amount Raised in Sunday School	Conference Missions	Pastors' Support	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Support	Evangelists' Support	Incidentals	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
Greensburg District																
Greensburg	\$.	\$.	\$1 00	\$ 1 00	\$.	\$.	4 80	\$ 450 00	\$.	\$ 668 13	\$ 70 50	\$ 98 00	1	\$.	1	\$.
Jeannette	.....	.....	1 00	1 00	10 00	90 00	3 60	575 00	.....	62 00	12 00	186 56	1	3500	1	1500
Indiana and Marion Center	.....	.....	.....	1 00	2 00	24 91	3 60	385 00	120	58 00	.....	100 00	1	2500	1	2000
Black Lick and Homer City	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 78	75 58	4 30	477 22	120	51 25	29 65	38 88	1	2000	1	1200
Blairsville and Bolivar	7 15	.....	.....	.....	12 00	72 08	3 00	413 70	150	62 56	.....	147 47	2	3000	1	2500
Avonmore and Tunnelton	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	33 39	2 00	397 43	60	53 98	90	114 41	1	1500	1	950
Apollo	16 00	.....	.....	.....	8 00	262 52	6 30	733 64	150	106 87	.....	.....	1	4000	1	2500
At. Pleasant and Bridgeport	.....	2 00	.....	2 58	2 00	149 14	1 25	621 60	120	102 96	8 00	233 90	1	2000	1	1500
Arona	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1000	.....	.....
Camp meeting	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	52 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Uniontown District																
Uniontown	18 50	4 60	5 50	2 75	4 85	335 62	3 15	740 00	60	108 79	10 00	505 00	1	6000	1	4000
West Brownsville and Charleroi	9 98	.....	1 26	.....	17 33	99 99	2 35	878 87	.....	125 00	125 00	362 63	1	1000	1	1500
Sunnyside	6 05	.....	.....	.....	3 06	84 70	2 40	450 01	.....	63 95	80	40 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Glendale and Whitehouse	.....	.....	.....	2 25	.....	34 68	2 10	264 18	.....	30 00	.....	5 00	2	1200	.....	.....
Fairchance and Oliphant	.....	.....	.....	4 60	.....	190 74	8 70	722 18	.....	178 52	2 90	254 77	.....	3200	1	1500
Belle Vernon and Monessen	6 19	1 15	1 00	1 00	5 05	119 39	3 20	881 69	100	33 45	.....	386 00	1	5000	1	2500
Cove Run	5 17	2 00	1 40	2 21	15 40	112 02	5 10	471 95	60	77 71	.....	136 80	1	1800	1	600
West Virginia District																
Sharon, McConkey, etc.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 60	4 65	450 00	18	32 82	30 00	31 00	4	3000	.....	.....
Morgantown	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18 50	45	512 68	.....	82 00	82 00	.....	2	1000	.....	.....
Fairmount, Enterprise, etc.	5 50	.....	.....	.....	2 50	48 71	2 85	529 76	.....	111 38	26 00	106 21	2	2000	1	1000
Catawba	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 87	1 20	81 87	.....	8 21	.....	24 93	1	1200	.....	.....
Total	\$488 78	\$86 30	25 48	\$43 99	439 40	\$6209 60	\$252 20	\$30392 15	\$ 3506	\$4377 44	\$1262 72	12022 07	50	\$148700	32	\$70980

WISCONSIN CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Forty-third Annual Session, held
at Platteville, Wisconsin, September 5-10, 1917

OFFICERS

J. T. LOGAN, *President*

J. WALTER JONES, *Secretary*

C. SIGGELKOW, *Assistant Secretary*

E. N. HAWLEY, *Statistical Secretary*

G. W. ENDICOTT, *Treasurer*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—J. T. Logan, A. J. Damon, F. F. Wolfe.

To Publish Minutes—The secretaries.

To Collect Funds for Publishing Minutes—Roy Burdick, Mabel C. Wolfe.

To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—J. K. Peckham, E. C. Case.

On Education—R. C. Selander, Ezra P. Whitten, John Watts.

On Missions—G. L. Pound, Mattie E. Stoll, Kate Roberts, R. S. Peckham.

On Reforms—J. Turgeson, G. W. Endicott, A. W. Gillingham.

On State of the Work—A. J. Damon, J. Turgeson.

On Sabbath-schools—Mattie E. Stoll, D. O. Dietzman, Nina Marsh, Drayton Elmer.

On Publications—C. W. Carnes, E. N. Hawley, C. L. Franz.

On Pastoral Visitation—C. M. Stirdivant, O. C. Thrall, May Hart.

On Charities—F. F. Wolfe, C. A. Webb, Charles Adams.

On Complimentary Resolutions—Ezra P. Whitten, E. N. Hawley, Nina Marsh, E. J. Roberts.

To Visit Evansville Seminary—J. K. Peckham, C. M. Stirdivant.

On Conference Missionary Appropriations—The stationing committee.

Conference Auditor—C. W. Carnes.

On Nominations—J. Turgeson, G. W. Endicott, D. O. Dietzman.

On Claimants and Claims—J. T. Logan, A. J. Damon, J. Turgeson, J. W. Jones, A. W. Gillingham.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Education—F. S. Kamm,

On Sabbath-schools—E. N. Hawley,

On Missions—G. W. Endicott,

On Publications—R. C. Selander,

On Reforms—C. M. Stirdivant,

On Pastoral Visitation—E. J. Roberts,

On State of the Work—J. Turgeson,

On Charities—J. B. Coffrin,

To Visit Evansville Seminary—C. W. Carnes, F. S. Kamm.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

J. Turgeson, president, time expires 1918; C. W. Carnes, secretary, time expires 1919; G. W. Endicott, time expires 1920.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

E. J. Roberts, president, time expires 1920; E. N. Hawley, secretary, and J. Turgeson, time expires 1918; D. O. Dietzman, A. W. Gillingham, time expires 1919.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

A. J. Damon, president, and E. N. Hawley, time expires 1920; J. Turgeson, secretary, and A. W. Gillingham, time expires 1918; G. L. Pound, time expires 1919.

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTIC BOARD

J. Turgeson, president; A. J. Damon, secretary and treasurer; E. J. Roberts, A. W. Gillingham, J. W. Jones, E. S. Millard.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

November, General Missions, Church Extension; February, Bishops' Salaries; April, Conference Missions (20 cents), General Conference Entertainment (2 cents), Delegates' Expenses to General Conference (4 cents); June, Evansville Seminary Fund (10 cents); August, Permanent Fund, Conference Claimants' Fund.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

President, Mrs. Mary C. Roberts, Platteville, Wisconsin; vice-president, Mrs. M. C. Wolfe, Chetek, Wisconsin; recording secretary, Mrs. F. F. Wolfe, 809 72nd avenue, West Allis, Wisconsin; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Louisa Franz, Fall River, Wisconsin; treasurer, Miss Helen J. Dryer, Reedsburg, Wisconsin; Junior president, Miss Mattie E. Stoll, 713 Clarke street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; librarian, Mrs. Kate Roberts, LaFarge, Wisconsin.

CONFERENCE SECRETARY

J. W. Jones, Cuba, Wisconsin.

CONFERENCE TREASURER

G. W. Endicott, Evansville, Wisconsin.

CONFERENCE SUNDAY-SCHOOL SECRETARY

Ezra P. Whitten, Evansville, Wisconsin.

TITHERS' LEAGUE

L. B. Webb, president, Evansville, Wisconsin; R. C. Selander, secretary, Richland Center, Wisconsin.

BUILDING COMMITTEE

J. Turgeson, E. J. Roberts, E. N. Hawley, A. J. Damon.

CONFERENCE RAILROAD SECRETARY

Ezra P. Whitten, Evansville, Wisconsin.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

A. D. Gillett,
J. Turgeson,
E. N. Hawley,
A. J. Damon,
D. G. Jones,
E. A. Wolfe,
J. W. Kendall,
J. B. Coffrin,
L. B. Webb,

G. W. Endicott,
E. J. Roberts,
C. A. Cusick,
F. F. Wolfe,
C. M. Stirdivant,
E. D. Dietzman,
Herbert L. Smith,
Mattie E. Stoll,
C. Siggelkow.

C. W. Carnes,
D. O. Dietzman,
F. S. Kamm,
R. C. Selander,
G. L. Pound,
W. B. Good,
Aurelia G. Moore,
Ezra P. Whitten,

DELEGATES

Kate Roberts,
C. A. Webb,
A. W. Gillingham,
Jennie Bartholomew,
J. W. Jones,
Drayton Elmer,

Charles Adams,
C. L. Franz,
John Watts,
May Hart,
Roy Burdick,
Mrs. Belle Peckham.

Mabel C. Wolfe,
M. L. Johnson,
Nina Marsh,
C. J. Icke,
Carolyn Keehn,

2. Who are the stationing committee? J. T. Logan, A. J. Damon, J. Turgeson, A. W. Gillingham, J. W. Jones.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? None.
4. Who remain on trial? R. S. Peckham, J. K. Peckham, E. C. Case, O. C. Thrall.
5. Who are admitted into full connection? None.
6. Who are the deacons? J. B. Coffrin, D. G. Jones, J. W. Kendall, W. B. Good, Mattie E. Stoll, Aurelia G. Moore.
7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? None.
8. Who have been located? None.
9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? H. L. Smith, Mattie E. Stoll, O. C. Thrall.
10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? C. A. Cusick, A. D. Gillett, I. B. Webb.
11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? Ezra P. Whitten, from the Genesee conference.
12. Who have been withdrawn from the conference this year? None.
13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? None.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.
15. Who have died this year? None.
- 16-20. See statistical report.
21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? L. B. Webb, \$150; C. A. Cusick, \$125; A. D. Gillett, \$75; Mrs. Eliza Thomson, \$40; Mrs. Mary L. Coleman, \$150.
- 22, 23. See statistical reports.
24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.
25. When and where shall our next conference be held? As near the first Wednesday in September as is consistent with the plans of the bishop holding the conference, place to be left with the district elders and secretary.

APPOINTMENTS

EVANSVILLE DISTRICT—A. J. DAMON, District Elder, Richland Center, Wisconsin

Evansville and Albany.....G. W. Endicott, Evansville, Wisconsin
Ida O. Helgen, supply, Evansville, "
 Milwaukee, First and Second Churches and Grace Mission.....
F. F. Wolfe, 809 72nd avenue, West Allis, "
 Whitewater and Palmyra.....G. L. Pound, Whitewater, "
 Racine.....C. M. Stirdivant, 1247 Villa street, Racine, "
 Marshall.....To be supplied
 H. L. Smith, Mattie E. Stoll, supernumerary; L. B. Webb, C. A. Cusick, superannuated; Ezra P. Whitten, instructor in Evansville Seminary; A. J. Damon, member of Evansville district quarterly conference.

PLATTEVILLE DISTRICT—A. J. DAMON, District Elder

Platteville and Cuba.....
E. J. Roberts, Mary C. Roberts, supply, Platteville, Wisconsin
 Montfort, Livingston, Arthur and Werley...F. S. Kamm, Montfort, "

BEAVER DAM DISTRICT—A. J. DAMON, District Elder

Beaver Dam and Calamus.....
J. B. Coffrin, 222 E. Third street, Beaver Dam, Wisconsin
 Oshkosh.....To be supplied
 Pardeeville.....D. J. Jones, Pardeeville, Wisconsin
 Portage and Caledonia.....J. W. Kendall, Portage, "
 Baraboo and Excelsior.....
Mrs. A. G. Moore, 540 Seventh avenue, Baraboo, "
 O. C. Thrall, supernumerary.

RICHLAND DISTRICT—J. TURGESON, District Elder, Richland Center, Wisconsin

Richland Center.....R. C. Selander, Richland Center, Wisconsin
 Gillingham, Ash Ridge, Woodstock..E. N. Hawley, Richland Center, "
 Hub City and Henrietta.....D. O. Dietzman, Richland Center, "
 Lloyd and Little Willow.....C. Siggelkow, Richland Center, "
 Mill Creek and Boscobel.....R. S. Peckham, Richland Center, "
 LaFarge, Weister Creek, Revell's Valley and Hill's Prairie.....
Millard Davis, Esther Davis, supplies, LaFarge, "
 J. Turgeson, member Richland district quarterly conference.

NORTHERN DISTRICT—J. TURGESON, District Elder

Chetek Circuit.....E. A. Wolfe, Chetek, Wisconsin
 Rice Lake and Birchwood.....W. B. Good, Chetek, "
 Maple Grove and Barron.....C. W. Carnes, Barron, "
 Humbird and Snow Creek.....J. K. Peckham, Humbird, "
 Augusta.....Mrs. Clara Philpot, supply
 York Center and Spokeville.....E. C. Case, Granton, Wisconsin
 New Hutchinson.....E. O. Dietzman, Chetek, "
 NecedahTo be supplied
 Three LakesTo be supplied
 Trap RockTo be supplied
 A. D. Gillett, superannuated.

LOCAL ELDERS

H. A. Knapp....Evansville, Wisconsin M. L. Johnson..Evansville, Wisconsin
 I. H. Gorrell....Evansville, " Frank Doubleday, Lake Mills, Wisconsin
 A. C. Damon.....Viola, " sin
 William Waters....Platteville, Wisconsin

LOCAL DEACONS

William BellChetek, Wisconsin J. A. Manion...Doylestown, Wisconsin
 John Crandell.....Humbird, " John McLeod....Platteville, "
 J. W. Jones....Cuba, Wisconsin

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Mrs. Eunice Aldermann, Necedah, Wisconsin Mrs. Christie G. Damon, Richland Center, Wisconsin
 Lisa M. Saugstad, Westby, Wisconsin Mrs. Mary C. Roberts, Platteville, Wisconsin

DEACONESS

Jessie McMurray....Evansville, Wisconsin

MISCELLANEOUS

The forty-third session of the Wisconsin annual conference was held in the Free Methodist church at Platteville, Wisconsin, September 5-10. By appointment of Bishop William Pearce, Rev. J. T. Logan, editor of the *Free Methodist*, presided. His administration was characterized by impartiality, executive ability and spirituality. His five sermons were helpful, inspiring and deeply spiritual. Rev. F. L. Baker and Rev. W. S. Scaff had charge of the evangelistic services and were made a great blessing to the conference.

There was a blessed spirit of harmony throughout the conference. From

the very beginning of the session the presence of the Lord was manifest. Several were at the altar, most of them obtaining that for which they sought.

The missionary service was held Sunday afternoon, under the auspices of the W. F. M. S. Rev. F. L. Baker gave a very stirring missionary address. The offering in cash and subscriptions amounted to \$542.00.

The pastor and society are to be congratulated upon their cordiality and efficiency in caring for the conference.

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL MISSIONS—\$93.80.
 BISHOPS' SALARIES—\$112.68.
 CHURCH EXTENSION—\$62.60.
 CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS—\$313.00.
 PERMANENT FUND—\$31.30.
 GENERAL CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT—\$12.52.
 GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES' EXPENSES—\$31.30.
 CONFERENCE MISSIONS—\$112.10.
 EVANSVILLE SEMINARY—\$62.60.
 PUBLISHING THE MINUTES—\$32.20.
 GENERAL CONFERENCE SUNDAY-SCHOOL BOARD—\$1.00.
 EDUCATIONAL FUND—\$1.00.
 ANNUAL CONFERENCE SUNDAY-SCHOOL BOARD—\$1.00.
 FOREIGN MISSIONS (including W. F. M. S.)—\$994.37.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON STATE OF THE WORK

With gratitude to God for His preserving care and guiding hand we have come to the close of another year. Here we pause to review our work, note its points of strength and weakness and set ourselves for a renewed and more efficient campaign.

During the year most of our churches have conducted revival meetings of varying duration and success. As a result of the efforts put forth there has been a little gain in membership, while two new societies have been organized—one in Polk county and one in Racine. Both of these give promise of permanence and growth. While these things are encouraging and cause us to rejoice, we are aware of weaknesses demanding earnest attention.

First. *The financial situation.* This is always a problem in our work, but especially so under the present war conditions. While a part of our difficulty is merely psychological, it is, nevertheless, a real difficulty and one that must be met. As matters stand there is liability of an unusually heavy burden falling upon the ministry during the coming year. The high cost of everything must be met by the minister, as well as by others. On the other hand, prevailing conditions are liable to cause official boards to be over conservative in planning and providing support. This is especially true in the cities. The truly oppressed poor should not be overburdened. However, in many cases, no doubt, there is as much or even more ability to pay than in previous years, owing to increased and more steady demand for labor with higher wage and longer hours. We suggest that our official boards give these facts due consideration in their deliberations. We also urge continued agitation of the tithing system. If this were immediately adopted by our people generally it would be a material help in the present crisis. We believe the standard of support should be raised to meet present demands. The day has passed when we may regard a salary of three or five hundred dollars as sufficient to carry on our work successfully. We must raise this old standard to a much higher level. From six hundred to a thousand dollars is none too high for these times. True it is there may be difficulty in reaching so high a

standard, but prayer and effort will make it possible to do better than we have ever been doing. In this connection may we not suggest that the various charges arrange to pay at least part of the moving expenses of the pastor sent them? This would be a great help to the pastor without imposing a great hardship upon the circuit.

The second point of consideration is our *standard of membership*. While in the main our people hold pretty well to our reform issues, yet we recognize the necessity of eternal vigilance lest slight inroads gradually break down our standards and so the doors be opened for admission of the world and the destruction of spirituality. To the end that our standards shall be maintained, we again urge our pastors and official boards to wisely but firmly hold our members to conform to the requirements of the Discipline as to plainness of apparel, marriage and divorce, membership in secret orders, the use of tobacco and opiates and other wicked practises.

Our third consideration is that of *aggressiveness*. Is there as strenuous effort to attend all the regular services, to reach the district quarterly meetings and camp meetings as there ought to be, or as there used to be? We fear there is a real lack here. The demand for more aggressive effort to extend our borders is imperative. The times call for strenuous, persistent effort. We must unite our forces to push the work of God to a successful issue, not only on the old fields but also in any new ones accessible. We should be alert to establish a prayer meeting, a Sunday-school or a preaching appointment wherever possible. There should be hearty cooperation with the evangelistic board for pushing into new territory or reestablishing weak appointments.

The fourth point is *spirituality*. Is this as deep and abiding as it should be among people professing to be in earnest to get to heaven? Should there not be more fasting or abstinence, more secret prayer, more searching of the Scriptures, more fervor in testimony, more personal effort for the salvation of souls? Some seem to maintain a good degree of grace along these lines, but their number is far too small. Our ministers by example as well as precept need to be diligent in their efforts to lead the people to a high standard of spirituality. The doctrine and experience of entire holiness must be maintained. This personal experience is fundamental. Our success depends wholly upon it. Preachers and people must humble themselves before God, seek His favor and power, and go forth in His name to extend the kingdom.

If we obtain the endowment provided, devote ourselves to prayer and personal work, to united, self-denying sacrifice for the prosecution of the Lord's work along all lines, we believe that success shall crown our efforts and that ultimately we shall return to Zion with rejoicing, bringing our sheaves with us.

II.—ON EDUCATION

Education (Latin, *educatio*) means to rear, nourish, bring up, to lead out. In a general sense, the development of the whole nature of man, physical, intellectual and moral, through interaction with every phase of his environment. Education in a narrower and more usual meaning is the development of the powers or capacities of the mind through special processes of training. Quintilian applied it to the general processes of training in the child's earliest years, in distinction from the formal school processes, called instruction. The Greek idea of education includes both the early process of training or formation of habits, based upon authority, and the later process of instruction, or the rationalizing of the habits formed. This general conception is formulated by Plato as follows: "Good education is that which gives to the body and to the soul all the perfections of which they are capable." The Greeks were the first to work out a theory and practise of education, based upon scientific principles rather than upon religious beliefs and ecclesiastical ceremonies. The purpose of the early education with both the Athenians and Spartans was preparation for the duties of citizenship: military, political and religious. These early elementary schools at Athens consisted of two kinds, one music and harmony for the soul, the other gymnastics for the body. They became

more largely a literary process, differentiating into the rhetorical or oratorical and the philosophical education. The great failure of those schools and their descendants is that God and the Bible were counted out.

Mental and physical training are insufficient in themselves to develop the noblest character. For example: Bacon, a celebrated English philosopher, in all his intelligence, was led down the hill in the debtor's chains. He accepted a bribe of £400 to decide a case when he was Lord Chancellor. Aaron Burr passed the examination and became a member of the sophomore class at Princeton when he was only thirteen years old. At sixteen he was a graduate and was the valedictorian of his class. Look at him! He just missed being President by one vote, and was Vice-President. Yet he died friendless. A popular minister has said: "I believe there hasn't been a President in Washington in the last thirty years, with due respect to them all, who surpassed Bob Ingersoll in intellectual brilliance. Yet with all his opportunities he lost the senatorship of Illinois and with his infidelity developed jailbirds and libertines and made a failure of life." This, however, is no proof that education is a failure, but proves in many instances that the moral nature is neglected. We do not need a change of systems but the Bible taught and Christianity in the lives of the instructors would elevate our public schools and the morals of all our people.

Education is not general in our fair land; just the few are educated. J. P. Garber in his treatise on Educational Progress gives the following: In 1914 there were over 17,000,000 boys and girls receiving instruction in the public schools of the United States. They were taught by 496,000 teachers. The annual expense is about \$372,000,000. Total enrolment for 1914 was 21,399,536, distributed as follows: 19,561,292 in elementary schools, high schools, academic and preparatory schools; in higher institutions, 378,845. There is a marked decrease in numbers from the first grade up, where the high school graduate stands according to the following table:

GRADES—First year	4,596,904
Second year	2,893,115
Third year	2,720,976
Fourth year	2,597,739
Fifth year	2,206,514
Sixth year	1,809,419
Seventh year	1,492,527
Eighth year	1,244,098
HIGH SCHOOL, 1914—First year	585,803
Second year	390,389
Third year	274,951
GRADUATES—Fourth year	208,256
TOTAL IN HIGH SCHOOL	1,459,399
HIGHER INSTITUTIONS' TOTAL	378,845

This has been about the average attendance for the last eight years.

THE VALUE OF AN EDUCATION

The following comparative statements concerning the pay of those educated and those who are not is taken from the United States Bureau of Education Exhibit at the Panama Pacific Exposition and quoted by the Educational Press Bulletin of March. One comparison shows that every day is the proof:

Uneducated laborers earn on the average of \$500 per year for forty years, a total of \$20,000. High school graduates earn on the average of \$1,000 per year, a total of \$40,000. This education required twelve years of schooling of 180 days each, a total of 2,160 days in school. If 2,160 days at school add \$20,000 to the income for life, then each day at school adds \$9.02. The child that stays out of school to earn less than \$9.00 a day is losing money, not making money. * * * * *

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WISCONSIN CONFERENCE

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers	Copies of "Tree Methodists" Taken	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars (Number Enrolled)	Members in Home Department	Names on Cradle Roll	Total Enrollment	General Conference (Assessed) (Tithings)	Foreign Missions	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Educational Fund	Raised for Sunday School Expenses
Evansville District	A. J. Damon, D. E.	58	14	72	6	17	1	13	102	6	10	131	\$ 61 85	\$.....	\$ 200 00	\$ 5 90	\$ 80 00
Evansville and Albany	G. W. Endicott																
Milwaukee, First and Second Churches and Grace Mission.	R. C. Selander	47	16	63	13	13	1	9	47	6	8	70	400 00	19 00	63 00	1 60	69 20
Waukegan and Palmyra	G. L. Pound	51	3	54	3	2	2	7	28			35	32 55	10 00	24 48		17 78
Marshall		3		3													
Platteville District	A. J. Damon, D. E.	49		49	3	12	1	7	100			107	47 51			4 90	30 40
Platteville and Cuba City	F. F. Wolfe	53	11	64	4	6	3	21	136	8	27	192	59 85	40 60	47 60	1 00	83 47
Montfort, Livingston, etc.	F. S. Kann																
Beaver Dam District	A. J. Damon, D. E.	20	1	21	5	9	1	2	19			21	22 77				16 75
Beaver Dam and Calamus	Mary C. Roberts, sup.	44	5	49	3	6	1	11	39	30	16	96	46 20		100 00		76 23
Skunk	O. C. Thrall	11	2	13		3	1	4	14			18	11 44			1 10	7 15
Spargville	R. C. Peckham																
Spargville and Calcedonia	Aurelia G. Moore	10	1	11		2	1	1	21			28	11 55	15 00			17 90
Utah and Excelsior	Kenall	3		3								51	2 80		33 80		35 85
Buckee	Mattie E. Stoll																
Richland District	J. Turgeson, D. E.	41	5	46		15	1	5	25			30	37 00		67 25		27 00
Richland, Center	B. N. Hawley	26	2	28	3	9	1	7	30			52	35 35			1 50	40 31
Gillingham Ridge, etc.	J. B. Dietzman	20	2	22	2	2	1	1	20			24	23 00		15 00	2 20	12 00
Loyd and Little Willow	J. B. Coe	23	1	24	1	4	2	12	60			79	30 55		21 05		10 00
Mill Creek and Boscobel	Charles Sigelkow	24	2	26		4	2										31 10
La Farge	D. G. Jones																
Northern District	J. Turgeson, D. E.	46	6	52	4	16	1	6	44			57	47 25	6 10	40 80		47 19
Chetek, Summer Pleasant Valley	C. W. James																
Rice Lake, Birchwood, Lehigh	W. B. Gane	28	2	30	2	11	1	6	50			59	39 70	67 50	37 32	3 00	25 42
Maple Grove and Barron	E. A. Wolfe	18	3	21		8	3	15	50			77	23 70		35 00	1 20	27 80
Humbird and Black River Falls	J. K. Peckham	7		7		4	1	7	35			45	15 75			1 50	24 50
Augusta	J. D. Crandell, sup.	18	2	20		4	1	7	35			45	15 75				
New Center and Spokeville	E. C. Case	19	19	38		4	1	5	20			30	10 82				8 00
York Hutchinson	E. O. Dietzman	4		4		1	2	5	30			35					24 00
Necedah	E. Alderman, sup.	12		12		3	1	6	35			41					18 11
Three Lakes	C. M. Stridvant	14	8	22		4	1	5	35								
Racine	W. S. Scaif, supply																
Trap Rock																	
Total		637	90	727	39	175	29	177	985	54	99	1315	\$ 968 29	\$ 236 20	\$ 758 17	\$23 90	\$ 730 46

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WISCONSIN CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

CHARGE	Raised in Sunday School for Foreign Missions	Raised for Children's Fund	Raised for General Conference	Raised for Annual Conference Sunday School Board	Raised in Sunday School for All	Other Benevolences	Total Amount Raised in Sunday School	Conference Missions	Pastors' Support	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Support	Evangelists' Support	Incidentals	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
Evansville District	\$ 10 00	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 90 00	\$ 11 80	\$ 600 00	\$ 75	\$ 118 00	\$ 80 00	\$1000 00	1	\$ 2000	2	\$ 2500
Evansville and Albany	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Milwaukee, First and Second Churches and Grace Mission	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 60	.....	75 80	8 00	710 00	114	83 90	48 00	195 50	2	8000	2	.....
Whitewater and Falmira	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17 18	6 20	460 62	.....	70 90	.....	80 47	2	2200	.....	.....
Marshfield	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 60	.....	.....	5 50	.....	30	.....	.....	.....	.....
Platteville District	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Platteville and Cuba City	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 40	12 25	500 00	150	139 00	90 00	115 00	2	4500	1	3000
Montfort, Livingston, etc.	3 08	1 00	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	89 55	11 40	650 00	84	138 35	.....	253 94	4	4500	1	1000
Beaver Dam District	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Beaver Dam and Calamus	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 75	.....	20 50	5 75	385 00	150	55 50	10 50	81 80	1	1800	1	2500
Oshkosh	15 57	1 00	.....	.....	2 33	.....	95 13	8 80	400 00	120	100 00	44 90	130 94	1	3500	1	1800
Pardeeville	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 15	2 20	200 00	120	33 28	13 85	65 33	1	1000	1	1000
Springville	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Baraboo and Excelsior	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Buckee	.....	3 70	.....	.....	24 01	.....	17 90	2 20	300 00	.....	26 40	.....	4 00	2	2200	.....	.....
Buckee	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	63 56	40	35 40	35	3 00	.....	10 00	2	2500	.....	.....
Richland District	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Richland Center	4 25	.....	.....	.....	12 00	.....	43 95	7 40	514 75	100	96 20	23 10	148 87	1	1600	1	1000
Gillingham, Ash Ridge, etc.	8 00	12 00	.....	.....	60 31	.....	69 51	7 00	580 00	.....	113 15	24 00	55 81	1	2000	.....	.....
La Farge	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 00	.....	19 00	4 40	218 64	.....	58 59	15 00	20 00	1	1000	.....	.....
La Farge	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	33 60	5 80	306 81	120	71 60	23 35	35 75	2	2000	1	1000
Northern District	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chetek, Sunner, Pleasant Valley	.....	.....	.....	.....	13 00	.....	60 19	9 00	408 76	62	83 90	4 50	61 00	1	1400	1	400
Rice Lake, Birchwood, Lehigh	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Maple Grove and Barron	6 10	.....	.....	.....	6 40	.....	37 32	6 00	439 41	96	80 00	84 62	131 14	1	1000	1	1000
Humbird and Black River Falls	2 20	.....	.....	.....	5 10	.....	35 10	4 80	285 09	132	51 80	31 00	56 00	1	2000	.....	.....
Augusta	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
York Center and Spokeville	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24 80	3 00	186 44	60	36 30	21 12	52 41	1	1300	1	1000
New Hutchinson	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Necedah	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Three Lakes	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Madison	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Trap Rock	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	\$ 51 70	\$17 70	\$1 00	\$ 1 00	\$82 19	\$ 884 05	\$127 25	\$ 1418	\$ 8413 80	\$ 1418	\$1496 21	\$1193 56	\$2723 26	32	\$ 47700	17	\$17000

*E. J. Roberts, conference evangelist.

SUSQUEHANNA CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Fifty-seventh Annual Session,
held at Watertown, New York, September 12-
16, 1917

OFFICERS

WILSON T. HOGUE, *President*

C. J. HESSLER, *Secretary*

F. J. HESSLER, *Assistant Secretary*

O. O. BURLEY, *Assistant Secretary*

COMMITTEES

- On Nominations*—W. H. Clark, B. Winget, T. Whiffen, C. A. Lowell, Amelia I. Holden.
- On Public Worship*—W. T. Hogue, G. L. Skinner, S. Ghent, Henry Rhodes, C. E. Christman, C. M. Hartson.
- On Reforms*—O. B. Russell, O. S. Baker, C. A. Lowell, W. E. Sitzler, J. Collier.
- On Publishing the Minutes*—The secretaries.
- To Collect Funds to Publish the Minutes*—M. S. Babcock, C. A. Fox.
- On Missions and Missionary Appropriations*—Stationing committee.
- On Charities*—L. H. Skelton, C. H. Hudson, H. D. Brink, John Perkins, A. I. Holden.
- On Publications*—O. O. Burley, T. C. Givens, S. T. Gunter, Albert Beckwith, William Barber.
- On Education*—H. L. Crockett, C. J. Hessler, C. M. Hartson, E. Brink, Charles Seely.
- On Sunday-schools*—C. E. Christman, H. L. Cilley, H. C. Bassett, Albert Turner, M. D. Ames.
- On State of the Work*—G. L. Skinner, H. W. Fish, W. H. Clark, A. Ertz, B. F. Barrett.
- To Examine Quarterly Conference Records*—John Roberts, F. S. Shaw, H. E. Barnes, L. E. Rowley.
- On Band Workers' Training Home*—C. C. Watson, T. C. Givens, Addie Lyman, Carrie Gray, J. S. Bradbrook.
- On Claimants and Claims*—W. T. Hogue, W. H. Clark, G. L. Skinner, C. W. Stevens, C. A. Lowell.
- On State of our Country*—B. Winget, H. L. Crockett, C. W. Stevens, T. Whiffen, Thomas Gorton, C. A. Lowell.
- On Complimentary Resolutions*—J. A. Tholens, J. S. Bradbrook.

CONFERENCE TREASURER

Jacob C. Hessler, 204 Regent street, Saratoga Springs, New York

CONFERENCE SUNDAY-SCHOOL BOARD

C. E. Christman, 21 Jewett avenue, Cortland, New York; C. C. Watson, 36 Stone street, Oneida, New York; Fred Stanton, Barnerville, New York.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

F. S. Shaw, president; J. A. Tholens, secretary; W. E. Sitzler, C. W. Stevens, C. A. Lowell.

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTIC BOARD

G. J. Skinner, H. W. Fish, O. S. Baker.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

W. H. Clark, president, C. W. Stevens, C. J. Hessler, term expires 1920; H. W. Fish, secretary and treasurer, Charles Dixon, Elmer Tripp, term expires 1918; O. S. Baker, W. E. Sitzler, C. A. Lowell, term expires 1919.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

F. J. Hessler, president, term expires 1920; H. L. Crockett, secretary, term expires 1918; C. A. Balch, term expires 1919.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

<i>On Reforms</i> —C. C. Watson,	<i>On Publications</i> —L. H. Skelton,
<i>On Charities</i> —M. S. Babcock,	<i>On Education</i> —A. L. Bates,
<i>On Sunday-schools</i> —H. C. Bassett,	<i>On State of the Work</i> —W. H. Clark.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Claimants' Fund, General Conference Entertainment Fund and 6 cents of Delegates' Expenses to General Conference; second quarter, Conference Missions (20 cents); third quarter, General Missions, Church Extension (10 cents); fourth quarter, Bishops' Salaries, Permanent Fund (5 cents).

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

President, Mrs. Ella S. Clark, 412 William street, Rome, New York; first vice-president, Mrs. Lulu C. Hessler, 317 W. Embargo street, Rome, New York; second vice-president, Mrs. Jessie Bates, 11 Sheldon street, Norwich, New York; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Alma Babcock, 149 Linden street, Syracuse, New York; recording secretary, Mrs. Ethel Skelton, 1051 Walnut street, Elmira, New York; treasurer, Mrs. Charlotte T. Bolles, 30 Stone street, Oneida, New York; superintendent of Junior work, Miss Harriet E. Sheldon, Camden, New York; secretary of general home missions, Mrs. Lulu C. Hessler; superintendent of box committee, Mrs. Nellie Frink, 1212 S. State street, Syracuse, New York; conference book agent, Miss Harriet E. Sheldon.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

B. Winget,
A. Smith,
W. J. Riker,
O. S. Baker,
M. S. Babcock,
C. A. Balch,
H. L. Crockett,
S. T. Gunter,
C. A. Fox,
C. E. Christman,
G. B. Lane,
H. D. Brink,
C. M. Hartson,
Zenas Miner,
L. H. Skelton,
A. L. Bates.

T. Whiffen,
J. S. Bradbrook,
C. H. Hudson,
M. H. Kendrick,
H. W. Fish,
O. O. Burley,
B. J. Austin,
F. S. Shaw,
J. D. Jenkins,
J. C. Hessler,
John Roberts,
C. C. Watson,
L. E. Rowley,
H. C. Bassett,
H. L. Cilley,

W. H. Clark,
J. A. Tholens,
T. C. Givens,
W. E. Sitzler,
G. M. Dunham,
C. J. Hessler,
G. L. Skinner,
S. Ghent,
H. E. Barnes,
J. G. Cole,
O. B. Russell,
F. J. Hessler,
Carl A. Steucke,
C. C. Crouch,
H. A. Brayton,

DELEGATES

Seth Richmond,
Charles Seely,

John Hessler,
Evangeline Crockett,

Gertrude Shaibley,
Henry Rhodes,

DELEGATES—Continued

Isabel White,	C. T. Cobane,	F. W. Wright,
Elmer E. Brink,	John Perkins,	Jacob Collier,
Albert Turner,	Peter VanDyke,	May Wolfe,
M. D. Ames,	May F. Gunter,	C. A. Lowell,
Albert Ertz,	Harold A. Schaff,	Louise McCumber,
J. W. Gay,	Emma Griswold,	B. F. Barrett,
Addie Lyman,	Maye Pulver,	Carrie Gray,
Albert Beckwith,	Pearl Craig,	William Barber,
Thomas Gorton,	C. W. Stevens,	Mabel Gould,
Alfred Bennett,	Jessie Roselle,	John H. Smith,
Hattie Curtis,	Amelia I. Holden.	

2. Who are the stationing committee? Wilson T. Hogue, W. H. Clark,
- H. W. Fish, G. L. Skinner, C. A. Lowell, Seth Richmond, C. W. Stevens.
3. What preachers are admitted on trial? Wesley Parmeter.
4. Who remain on trial? F. E. VanDeusen, P. S. Culver.
5. Who are admitted into full connection? None.
6. Who are the deacons? John Roberts, H. L. Cilley, H. A. Brayton.
7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? H. C. Bassett.
8. Who have located this year? None.
9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? A. Smith, B. J. Austin, J. G. Cole, Zenas Miner, G. B. Lane.
10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? W. J. Riker, G. M. Dunham.
11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? A. L. Bates, an elder, from the Genesee conference.
12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.
13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer? B. Winget, an elder, to the Georgia and Florida conference.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The names of the preachers were called and their characters passed.
15. Who have died this year? None.
- 16-23. See statistics.
24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.
25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? Place left with the district elders and secretary of the conference; time as near the second Wednesday in September, 1918, as is convenient with the plans of the bishops.

APPOINTMENTS

SYRACUSE DISTRICT—G. L. SKINNER, District Elder, Camden, New York
 Syracuse.....M. S. Babcock, 145 Linden street, Syracuse, New York
 East Syracuse.....To be supplied
 Chittenango Station.....H. E. Barnes, Chittenango Station, New York
 Fulton.....C. A. Balch, 352 S. Third street, Fulton, “
 Weedsport and Port Byron.....H. L. Crockett, Weedsport, “
 A. Smith, 428 Midland avenue, Syracuse, New York, and B. J. Austin, Syracuse, New York, supernumerary; G. L. Skinner, member Syracuse district quarterly conference.

WATERTOWN DISTRICT—G. L. SKINNER, District Elder

Watertown.....S. Ghent, 325 East Moulton street, Watertown, New York
 Gouverneur and California.....
John Roberts, 88 W. Main street, Gouverneur, “
 Norwood and Norfolk.....To be supplied
 Messena and Long Sault Island.....H. A. Brayton, Messena, New York
 DeGrasse and Silver Hill.....To be supplied

WAYNE DISTRICT—G. L. SKINNER, District Elder

Rose and Clyde.....	H. D. Brink, Rose, Wayne county, New York	
Alton.....	C. H. Bailey, supply, Alton, Wayne county,	"
East Williamson.....	J. S. Bradbrook, East Williamson,	"
West Webster.....	W. J. Parmeter, West Webster,	"
Union Hill.....	T. C. Givens, R. F. D., Ontario,	"

B. Winget, granted a certificate of standing with view to transfer.

BINGHAMTON DISTRICT—H. W. FISH, District Elder, 1061 Davis street, Elmira, New York

Binghamton.....	O. S. Baker, 9 Cherry street, Binghamton, New York	
Cortland.....	C. E. Christman, 21 Jewett avenue, Cortland,	"
Endicott.....	C. M. Hartson, 9 McKinley avenue, Endicott,	"
Norwich.....	A. L. Bates, Jessie Bates, supply,	
	11 Sheldon street, Norwich,	"
Ithaca.....	C. A. Fox, 441 N. Tioga street, Ithaca,	"
North Pharsalia.....	O. B. Russell, North Pharsalia,	"
Pleasant Valley.....	M. H. Kendrick, R. F. D. 2, Sherburne,	"
	J. G. Cole, 151 Homer avenue, Cortland, New York, supernumerary.	

CORNING DISTRICT—H. W. FISH, District Elder

Corning.....	C. A. Steucke, 430 E. Third street, Corning, New York	
Painter and Tioga.....	E. F. Phelps, supply, R. F. D. 3, Tioga, Pennsylvania	
Byersville and Tuscarora.....		To be supplied
Elmira.....	L. H. Skelton, 1051 Walnut avenue, Elmira, New York	
Waverly and Sayre.....	C. H. Hudson, 113 Keystone avenue, Sayre, Pennsylvania	
Dansville.....	F. J. Hessler, Dansville, New York	
Italy Hill.....	O. O. Burley, R. F. D. 14, Branchport,	"
Penn Yan.....	Leola Hunt, Bertha Newton, supplies, Penn Yan,	"
East Caton, West Caton and Pettigrove.....		
	J. D. Jenkins, R. F. D. 3, Corning,	"
Curtis.....	J. W. Gay, supply, R. F. D., Campbell,	"

W. J. Riker, superannuated, R. F. D. 1, Corning, New York; P. S. Culver, evangelist, 135 Benham street, Penn Yan, New York; G. B. Lane, Zenas Miner, supernumerary; H. W. Fish, member Corning district quarterly conference.

UTICA DISTRICT—W. H. CLARK, District Elder, 412 William street, Rome, New York

Utica.....	J. A. Tholens, 35 Linwood place, Utica, New York	
Rome.....	C. J. Hessler, 317 W. Embargo street, Rome,	"
Camden.....	L. E. Rowley, Camden,	"
Herkimer.....	H. C. Bassett, Park avenue, Herkimer,	"
Scotch Bush.....	C. C. Crouch, R. F. D., St. Johnsville,	"
Oneida.....	C. C. Watson, 36 Stone street, Oneida,	"

T. Whiffen, evangelist, 30½ Stone street, Oneida, New York; G. M. Dunham, superannuated, R. F. D., Camden, New York; W. H. Clark, member of the Utica district quarterly conference.

SARATOGA DISTRICT—W. H. CLARK, District Elder

Saratoga Springs.....	J. C. Hessler, 204 Regent street, Saratoga Springs, New York	
Glens Falls.....	F. S. Shaw, 20 Ogden street, Glens Falls,	"
Gloversville.....	S. T. Gunter, 51 E. Center street, Gloversville,	"
Bolton and Warrensburg.....	F. E. VanDeusen, Bolton,	"
Corinth.....	Amelia Youngren, Emily P. Shattuck, supplies, Corinth,	"
Charlotteville, Jefferson, Titus Hill and Barnerville.....		
	H. L. Cilley, Charlotteville,	"

BURLINGTON DISTRICT—W. H. CLARK, District Elder

Burlington.....W. E. Sitzler, 72 Elmwood avenue, Burlington, Vermont
 St. Armand Center, Hillside and Clarenceville, Quebec.....
M. C. Blowers, supply, Clarenceville, Quebec

LOCAL PREACHERS

*C. E. Beeman, Lodi street, Union, New York	M. C. Blowers....Franklin, Vermont
F. H. Jackson, 49 McKinley avenue, Endicott, New York	E. Wendell Holden, Franklin, Vermont
*Elmer Tripp, R. F. D., Sodus, New York	H. C. McAllister...Franklin, Vermont
George W. VanArsdale, Mexico, New York	George F. Watts...Franklin, "
A. H. Kresge, 30 Roosevelt avenue, Binghamton, New York	†E. Def. Holden....Franklin, "
Peter VanDyke, 257 Robinson street, Binghamton, New York	B. F. Barrett, 1149 Hoffman street, Elmira, New York
*C. F. Mersereau, Glen Castle, New York	E. W. Corliss, 1063 Davis street, Elmira, New York
E. M. Groom, Johnson City, New York	H. E. Simcoe, 38 Frederick street, Binghamton, New York
*C. W. Stevens, Saratoga Springs, New York	Charles Hotaling, R. F. D., Jefferson, New York
H. O. Shipman..Athens, Pennsylvania	John H. Smith, Barnerville, New York
W. J. Shaffer, South Waverly, Pennsylvania	Fredrick Stanton, Barnerville, New York
William Barber..Herkimer, New York	O. V. Stanton....Delmar, New York
George Grinnell, McConnellsville, New York	George Milem.....Rose, "
Frank Brewer, R. F. D., East Syracuse, New York	Milton Peterson, Water street, Watertown, New York
Aaron B. Kelly, 1414 South Salina street, Syracuse, New York	*William Curtis, R. F. D. 4, Fulton, New York
*W. W. Blossom, Jackson street, Syracuse, New York	*W. W. Bartholomew, R. F. D., Cortland, New York
*Perry Ball, South Glens Falls, New York	*E. D. Prentice, 83 Groton avenue, Cortland, New York
Charles Allen..Glens Falls, New York	Warren Hames, West Webster, New York
†Harvey Perkins.....Alton, "	Charles Dixon, West Webster, New York
C. H. Wengatz....Rose, New York	Arthur Myette, 9 Greene street, Burlington, Vermont

*Local deacon. †Local elder.

EVANGELISTS

Harry P. Love, R. F. D., Corning, New York	Miss Helen E. Balch, 352 South Third street, Fulton, New York
Mrs. Thirza M. Rowley, Camden, New York	Miss Harriet E. Sheldon, Camden, New York
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Mrs. Cora Balch, 352 South Third street, Fulton, New York	Miss Pearl Hotaling, R. F. D., Jefferson, New York
Mrs. Emma Breads, 257 South Fourth street, Fulton, New York	Miss Hazel Cline, Weedsport, New York

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Miss Pearl Newton, 95 Corliss street, Johnson City, New York	*Mrs. Ella S. Clark, 4121 William street, Rome, New York
Mrs. Hattie Fox, 441 N. Tioga street, Ithaca, New York	*Mrs. Rose A. Baker, 9 Cherry street, Binghamton, New York
Miss Beryl B. Kelly, Weedsport, New York	Mrs. Lottie Carey, 310 South Madison street, Rome, New York
Miss Edna Brewer, Kirkville, New York	Mrs. May F. Gunter, 51 East Center street, Gloversville, New York
Miss Helen Kelm, Weedsport, New York	Mrs. Isabella White, Natural Dam, New York
Miss Evangeline Crockett, Weedsport, New York	Miss Etta Jessmore, Weedsport, New York
*Miss Anna B. Collier, East William- son, New York	Amelia Youngren..Corinth, New York
*Miss Bessie Mae Lester, 540 Eighth avenue, Upper Troy, New York	Miss Mabel Hayes, 38 Fredrick street, Binghamton, New York
*Mrs. L. B. Bishop, 31 Lafayette place, Burlington, Vermont	Miss Leola Hunt, Penn Yan, New York
	Miss Bertha Newton, South Plymouth, New York

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Mrs. Emily P. Shattuck, Corinth, New York	Mrs. Lulu C. Hessler, 317 W. Embargo street, Rome, New York
Mrs. Margret Ross, 34 Greenbush street, Cortland, New York	Mrs. Esther H. Vandermillen, West Webster, New York

TREASURER'S REPORT

RAISED FOR PUBLISHING THE MINUTES—\$59.50.

CONFERENCE MISSIONS—Apportioned, \$292.40; raised, \$289.20. This amount was paid as follows: On last year's appropriation, Corinth, \$35.00; DeGrasse, \$25.00; Clarenceville and St. Armand, \$25.00. Amount paid out on this year's appropriations, DeGrasse and Silver Hill, \$25.00; Corinth, \$15.00; Gouverneur and California, \$50.00; Penn Yan, \$15.00; Norwich, \$15.00; Gloversville, \$15.00; Ithaca, \$15.00; Painter Run, \$15.00; and \$37.40 to be appropriated during the year as ordered by the three district elders.

GENERAL MISSIONS—Apportioned, \$219.20; raised, \$216.80.

CHURCH EXTENSION—Apportioned, \$146.20; raised, \$144.48.

BISHOPS' SALARIES—Apportioned, \$263.16; raised, \$260.28.

PERMANENT FUND—Apportioned, \$73.10; raised, \$71.10.

ENTERTAINMENT GENERAL CONFERENCE—Apportioned, \$29.24; raised, \$28.74.

GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES' EXPENSES—Apportioned, \$87.72; raised, \$86.76.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND—Apportioned, \$731.16; raised, \$719.21.

APPLIED ON DEFICIT NEW YORK DRAFT RETURNED FROM NEW YORK CONFERENCE, \$15.00.

RAISED BY COLLECTION ON THE ABOVE DEFICIT, \$11.15.

CHILDREN'S FUND—Raised, \$38.00.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—Raised, \$8.41.

GENERAL SUNDAY-SCHOOL BOARD—\$2.25.

EDUCATIONAL FUND—\$13.00.

CONFERENCE SUNDAY-SCHOOL BOARD—\$0.25.

CLAIMS ALLOWED FOR THE COMING YEAR—W. J. Riker, \$150.00; Martha Smith, \$144.00; Nellie Frink, \$50.00; Phoebe Newton, \$150.00; Ellen Webster, \$60.00; Elizabeth Crossman, \$100.00; Ella M. King, \$150.00.

MISCELLANEOUS

The fifty-seventh annual session of the Susquehanna conference was held at Watertown, New York, September 12-16, 1917. Bishop Wilson T. Hogue presided with fairness and ability. The session of the conference was very harmonious throughout. Much of the blessing of the Lord was manifest. Each morning before the regular business of the conference was taken up Bishop Hogue conducted a question box, giving many helpful suggestions. The society, people and pastor at Watertown did nobly in entertaining the conference.

Sunday afternoon a very interesting missionary meeting was held under the auspices of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, addressed by Miss Louise Calkins, returned missionary from India, and Rev. J. S. MacGeary, missionary secretary. An offering in cash and subscriptions amounting to \$1,107 was taken.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON STATE OF OUR COUNTRY

In view of the awful conditions of devastation, bloodshed, mourning, famine and nameless horrors imposed upon suffering humanity throughout the earth by the present world war;

In view of the fact that considerations of honor, humanity and national preservation seem to have thrust upon us the deplorable necessity of sharing in the same by plunging our own nation into this bloody cyclone of human destruction;

In view of the great question of right and wrong involved in the gigantic struggle affecting the future of every nation and probably also the work of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on earth and threatening the individual rights of every unit in the millions of human beings now existing and yet to come;

In view of the demoralizing influences of even a just war on individual and church and their tendency not only to pit nation against nation, but to destroy the internal peace of each and even the unity of homes;

And in view of the perplexing uncertainties as to what the future holds for us and our Zion in the tremendous issues of the deadly conflict;

It seems proper for such a religious body as the Susquehanna conference of the Free Methodist church:

First. To solemnly recognize the seriousness of the conditions under which we must now labor and the new hindrances which must now be faced;

Second. To express our loyalty to our beloved nation, our fealty to its protecting flag and our own support of the government in every Christian way during this trying and dangerous period of our history;

Third. To show our sympathy for those families whose members must go forth to war, leaving a souvenir of anxious suspense and, in many cases, a heritage of mourning, as well as for the youths that must endure the hardships and suffer the consequences of strife;

Fourth. To covenant anew with each other and with God to do everything in our power to save those that die and comfort those who mourn, to sympathize with and stand by each other in the trials of ministry and laity peculiar to these conditions, and to do our utmost by labor and sacrifice to maintain the work of Christ as the only life-giving agency amid the forces of death;

Fifth. To pledge ourselves to pray as never before for our country, for the President and associate rulers, for the nations and homes that are being wrecked, for the struggling churches and sacrificing laborers that are trying to reap a harvest of souls ahead of death, for the superlatively important work of our foreign missions work, which is so seriously imperiled for all who suf-

fer afield or mourn at home, and that the Lord may speedily grant us and all nations a permanent peace on the basis of righteousness.

II.—ON REFORMS

We are encouraged by the prohibitions of the year. The U. S. Supreme Court has decided that the Webb-Kenyon law, barring the shipment of liquor into dry territory, is constitutional. Congress has enacted a law closing dry territory to wet advertisements. The District of Columbia, the home of American headquarters, is prohibition territory by act of legislature—quite a contrast to the days when a saloon in each wing of the Capitol furnished inspiration for the law-makers who championed personal liberty. The food bill forbids the use of grain for the manufacture of distilled spirits, and empowers the President to bar its use in the manufacture of beer and wine. The senate has voted for a prohibition amendment to the national constitution, and we have reason to believe that at its next session the house of representatives will concur with this action. When ratified by two-thirds of the state legislatures, which will occur before long, the liquor traffic can no longer wave with its blood-stained hand a state or federal license and claim as its shield the folds of the star spangled banner. The W. C. T. U. and the Prohibition party have put and held the prohibition issue to the forefront and they deserve a large share of the credit for what has been accomplished. Free Methodist voters may be counted on to do their share, for they repeat the Lord's Prayer on election day in the terms of a white ballot.

Free institutions are imperiled by political Romanism. Catholicism leaves no opportunity unoccupied for extending her interests and influence. With masterly cunning she uses subservient Protestants to aid her in working her plans. Eighty-six per cent of the chaplains in the American army are Roman Catholics, and the Knights of Columbus are raising \$10,000,000 to place chaplains wherever Protestant chaplains have been appointed. It is also affirmed that the government will provide places of entertainment for the army, under the supervision of the Knights of Columbus, similar to those of the Y. M. C. A. These things indicate to some degree the influence of the Roman Catholic church in governmental circles, and prove that the fight between autocracy and democracy is not limited to the contest between the allies and central powers. American liberty requires for its preservation the intelligent, concerted and continuous defense of American patriots. The legal victory of *The Menace*, the Burnett immigration bill passed over the President's veto, convent inspection bills finding their way into state codes and the giving of the Catholic politicians vacation from state and federal office show us that it is possible to safeguard American liberty. In order to effectively aid this great work, we should keep ourselves well informed in regard to the activities of the Catholic political machine and use our votes and influence to make them null. The ministry and laity of the Free Methodist church should do all they can legitimately to prevent the marriage of Protestants and Catholics, for these alliances usually result in making the Protestant a pervert to Catholicism, and often change whatever opposition the relatives have for Rome.

This is the golden age of secretism. In some churches lodge affiliation counts more than brains or grace in securing a good appointment for the preacher. A number of churches give their aid and sanction in getting their Sunday-school scholars into junior secret societies for the apparent object of furnishing members for the senior secret societies when these children reach the required age. Membership in one or more of the leading fraternal orders is considered to-day the crowning qualification of a first-class worldling. Secret societies are embodiments of the spirit of the world, selfish at heart and actuated by policy. Cheap insurance, industrial necessity, patriotism and benevolence are urged in defense of organized secrecy, but we do not know of a secret society whose principles do not conflict with the principles of Christianity. Even if we approve of the professed aim, right compels us to condemn

the methods used. The only admissible attitude for a true Christian is that of inflexible opposition. In order that this may be effective, we need much of the Spirit of Christ, so that it will be evident that He that is in us is greater than he that is in the world. The mob could mangle the body of Stephen with stones, but could not resist the spirit and wisdom with which he spake. The teachers of our Sunday-schools should definitely aim to fortify the minds of their scholars with Bible arguments against organized secrecy. In opposing secrecy our preachers should avoid abusive expressions and, with hearts intent on the rescue of the ensnared, should use solid logic and holy writ in their attack upon this multiplying evil. Bring truth in contact with reason and conscience and ask God to endow it with influence. By testimony and tactful personal work our members and preachers who have been saved from secret societies can do much to influence others to come out from among them and be separate. This kind of personal influence is a fitting counterpart to anti-secrecy preaching and will excel it in results. It seems to us that the ex-secretists in our church are specially obligated to make use of this means, so much neglected, for saving the entangled.

God has never relinquished His claim to one day in seven as sacred time. But this claim is quite generally ignored, and the day designed for soul culture and worship of God is used by many for business and pleasure. Picture shows and baseball get the crowds and the church is neglected. We have reason to expect God's judgments upon this nation for the wide-spread desecration of His day. We can not meet the obligations of others and may fail to persuade them to meet their own, but we can comply with the requirements of God and live with a conscience void of offense. With consistent practise and Scriptural plea let us place the full weight of our influence on God's side of the Sabbath question. Earnestly pray and work for a Bible Sabbath.

Just as far as our influence goes it should be used for legislation protecting the purity of social and home life. It seems to us that stricter laws should be enacted for the suppression of the white slave traffic. In many of our states the divorce laws conflict with the law of God, and the crime of adultery exists shielded by state statute. In this Empire state the offending party is privileged by law to marry again at the end of five years. A uniform divorce law conforming to the law of God should be enacted in every state in the Union.

We look upon the Mormon church with its dream of empire, its sanction and practise of polygamy as a foe to American home life, and we believe that as a matter of self-defense, we should intelligently and determinedly labor to check its extension. Mormonism is a live danger and we may as well wake up to the fact. Right in Chenango county, this state (New York), the Mormons have one society and a church. Mormonism has a large force, keen, energetic workers and a big purse, whose contents are generously used for proselyting purposes.

III.—ON EDUCATION

We heartily agree with our first superintendent, Rev. B. T. Roberts, and his followers in their conviction that Christian education is necessary to the success of our work. We acknowledge our obligations to them in the founding of Chili, Wessington Springs and Evansville seminaries during the first twenty years of our existence, and are thankful that we now have three colleges and six seminaries located conveniently to nearly all of our work. Who can estimate the influences emanating from these nine centers of learning? And who can question the close connection between true religion and true education? Isaac Watts asks, "He that made our souls, and is the Father of spirits, shall He not be supposed to have a most friendly influence toward the instruction and government of them?" Observations of education in this age confirm our convictions that the search for truth with God left out is but the process of the blind leading the blind, and many have fallen into the ditch of unbelief thereby. Unless the "Father of lights" command, "Let there be light," men

grope in mental as well as moral darkness. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom" is as true amid the educational advantages of to-day as it was in the dark ages. A God-guided, Bible, Christian teacher is the most trustworthy molder of our children's mental destiny. Nor is this the only justification for our denominational schools. Our secular schools, good as they are, often fall under the administration of those who foster dancing, theatricals and secret societies, to the eternal undoing of our youth; nor can those schools, at their best, safeguard our children against the temptations to ornate apparel, the use of tobacco, Sabbath desecration and betting on ball games as our own institutions can. Our young people must not be deprived of the life advantages of a trained mind; nor must they, in gaining those advantages, be subjected to influences which divert that trained mind to the service of the devil instead of the service of God. The only solution of the problem is denominationally controlled schools. Of late years the competition of other schools has made it exceedingly difficult to maintain such institutions, and we fear it has been largely due to the fact that our people have not taken to heart the *dangers* of the one or the *advantages* of the other. Our schools must be maintained or they will soon cease to be; and our own people must maintain them, for no one else will. If we discover faults in them, let us not make that an excuse for abandoning them, but let us rather unite to make them what they ought to be. In early life, let us help pay the expenses of some students there; in middle life, let us send our own scholars; in later life, when our children have passed beyond schools, let us help these institutions with liberal donations; and in death, let us remember them with generous bequests. Just at present the war conditions, by taking their young men, by increasing the cost of living, and by reducing their gifts on account of money stringency, have hit them hard. Now is the time to rally to their support in every way, if we want them to survive.

We would urge upon our people the educational advantages of our own publications. Every Free Methodist household should possess that big little book, the Discipline, subscribe for the *Free Methodist*, read our Sunday-school papers, and patronize our Publishing House in the purchase of books. There is a generous education for the laity in these and the diploma is Intelligent Free Methodism.

We call special attention to our disciplinary course of study. They in themselves furnish the means of a liberal education by home study to all orders of our ministry and are not forbidden to our laymen, who can borrow many of the books of their pastors. It will also pay the ordained elder to become familiar with the new books introduced into the course since he finished it. There are no better works for his study and reading than these.

And let us not forget to urge upon our people the great importance of Bible study. There is no greatness of mind and heart like that acquired by a long continued study and ever growing knowledge of the Word of God.

IV.—ON CHARITIES

Charity has been defined as "love in action." We are indebted to Saint Paul for a comprehensive definition of charity found in his first letter to the Corinthians. Such love is needed by the individual to enable him to exercise that which characterizes the religion of Jesus Christ. The religion which Jesus Christ preached and exemplified in His earthly ministry was preeminently one of self-denial and benevolence. "He came not to be ministered unto but to minister and give His life a ransom for many."

Never was there a period in the world's history when the needs were as varied and so great as at the present time. As we take a world-wide view of the suffering that exists at the present time, owing to the devastation and ruin brought about by the great world war, we are impressed with the fact that to charitable America belongs the duty of affording relief. Very much has already been done in this respect and still there remains much yet to be done.

We are, however, reminded of the old adage that "charity begins at home." There are those near us, yea, at our very doors, who should be partakers of our benevolence. "The poor ye have always with you" is just as true as it was when first spoken by the Savior. We have given to us in the Word of God a promise to those who remember the poor. "Is not this the fast I have spoken to loose the bands of wickedness? to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke? Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? When thou seest the naked that thou cover him and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh? Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily, and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the Lord shall be thy reward. Then shalt thou call, and the Lord shall answer; thou shalt cry, and He shall say, Here am I" (Isaiah 58:6-9).

We, your committee, would respectfully call the attention of our pastors to paragraph 269, subdivision 7, which makes it the duty of the preachers to preach a sermon at least once a year on their circuits upon the subject of practical charity and take a collection for the poor.

The Free Methodist church has two charitable institutions which are dependent upon the rank and file of the church for their maintenance. These two are the Woodstock Homes and the Gerry Orphanage and Old People's Rest Home, at Gerry, New York. The last named has the Susquehanna conference as part of its patronizing territory and should receive our most hearty support. The Gerry Homes are doing a great work in caring for dependent children and old people. In these times of financial stringency we must not neglect our duty in supporting this noble, charitable institution. We would commend the work being done by the local W. F. M. S. in sending boxes of clothing and provisions to Gerry Homes and elsewhere.

Our Olive Branch Mission and Providence Mission at Pittsburgh also deserve our support.

May God help us not to fall short in doing our whole duty in regard to the great work of practical charity both at home and abroad.

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CORNING, UTICA, SARATOGA AND BURLINGTON DISTRICTS

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CHARGE	FREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers and Evangelists	Copies of "Free Methodist"	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars (Number Enrolled)	Members in Home Department	Names on Cradle Roll	Total Enrollment	General Conference (Assessed Claims) Total Only	Foreign Missions	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Educational Fund	Raised for Sunday School Expenses
Corning District																	
Corning	H. W. Fish, D. E.	41	5	46	1	11	1	10	86	20	...	78	\$ 43 46	\$ 43 46	\$ 217 16	\$ 48 02	
Painter Run and Tioga	H. D. Brink	26	...	26	...	3	2	10	45	...	...	...	13	...	9 50	30 00	
Byersville, Dansville, Tuscarora	G. B. Lane	11	2	13	...	2	2	10	30	...	...	...	13	...	...	18 00	
E. and W. Caton and Pettigrove	Zenas Miner	20	...	20	...	3	...	10	25	...	...	...	22	...	...	20 00	
Curtis	H. W. Fish	19	1	20	...	3	1	10	30	...	...	...	22	...	...	...	6 60
Penn Yan	H. W. Fish	4	6	10	...	7	1	10	39	...	...	...	16	...	...	...	76 36
Elmira	L. H. Skelton	22	15	37	2	12	1	14	32	12	...	113	52 00	...	77 07	47 86	
Waverly and Sayre	C. H. Hudson	22	15	37	2	12	1	14	32	12	...	52	33 92	6 59	66 76	2 00	
Italy Hill	O. O. Burley	24	6	30	...	5	1	18	43	...	...	50	30 74	...	21 76	...	19 03
Utica District																	
Utica	W. H. Clark, D. E.	22	...	22	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	26 46	...	17 25	...	...
Rome	J. A. Tholens	47	7	54	3	7	1	9	85	4	18	116	61 74	...	100 00	...	82 56
Camden	O. S. Baker	37	20	57	2	10	2	7	36	8	...	61	36 04	8 17	128 68	...	34 07
Herkimer	T. E. Rowley	35	1	36	2	3	1	7	36	...	3	33	40 28	...	13 03	...	19 63
Scotch Bush	L. Whiften	27	4	31	...	2	2	1	7	...	...	...	33 32	30 00	12 86	...	22 21
Oneida	C. C. Crouch	25	8	33	...	12	1	6	43	6	8	63	23 32	...	168 50	...	58 40
Saratoga District																	
Saratoga Springs	W. H. Clark, D. E.	48	1	49	1	10	1	12	38	12	12	74	49 82	...	61 40	1 00	42 72
Glens Falls	J. C. Hessler	32	5	37	2	4	1	16	33	...	...	39	33 92	...	30 00	...	16 17
Glensville	F. S. Shaw	31	1	32	...	5	1	7	33	7	...	40	33 92	...	...	...	32 08
Bolton and Warrensburg	T. C. Givens	27	2	29	1	3	2	8	45	...	...	53	24 38	15 01	7 59	...	24 60
Corinth	F. E. VanDeusen	13	6	19	...	4	2	7	37	...	12	56	10 60	...	12 49	...	26 32
Charlotteville, Jefferson, etc.	Helen I. Root, supply Hilton L. Cilley	39	7	46	5	11	2	9	51	13	6	79	46 64	...	30 00	...	69 41
Burlington District																	
Burlington	W. H. Clark, D. E.	40	2	42	2	7	1	9	45	10	8	72	47 88	...	110 45	...	56 22
St. Armand Centre, Clarenceville and East Franklin	W. E. Sitzler	24	7	31	4	6	2	9	30	...	...	39	16 96	...	...	...	14 91
Total	M. C. Blowers, sup.	1435	231	1666	66	318	52	350	2023	161	198	2732	\$1574 69	\$ 180 02	\$ 3353 86	\$11 00	\$1561 81

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE SUSQUEHANNA CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

SYRACUSE, WATERTOWN, WAYNE AND BINGHAMTON DISTRICTS

CHARGE	Raised in Sunday School for Foreign Missions	Raised for Fund	Raised for General Conference	Raised for Annual Conference Sunday School Board	Raised in Sunday School for All Other Benevolences	Total Amount Raised in Sunday School	Conference Missions	Pastors' Support	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Support	Evangelists' Support	Incidentals	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
Syracuse District										\$949 89						
Syracuse	\$ 2 02	\$ 4 00	\$ 2 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 28 00	\$ 116 57	\$ 10 60	\$ 700 00	\$ 240	\$ 84 80	\$ 183 37	\$ 557 83	1	\$ 4000	1	\$ 4000
East Syracuse	9 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 28	2 40	70 25	48	25 36	.....	5 00	1	1800	1	1800
Chittenango Station	20 01	1 00	1 00	1 00	87 07	72 53	9 20	514 60	60	75 00	5 00	125 79	1	1500	1	1000
Fulton	3 41	.....	.....	.....	.....	135 08	10 80	624 00	150	88 40	322 02	307 77	1	2500	1	1150
Weedsport and Port Byron .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18 95	4 60	162 54	96	37 38	23 30	30 10	2	1800	1	1500
Watertown District																
Watertown .....	.....	6 00	.....	.....	28 49	118 07	10 80	855 09	130	128 23	120 00	342 40	1	2000	1	2000
Gouverneur and California .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	16 48	4 60	349 67	60	37 28	5 28	61 71	1	1300	1	600
Norwood and Norfolk .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 58	.....	65 00	.....	8 25	12 35	37 00	1	1500	.....	.....
Massena and Long Sault Island .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	23 71	1 40	177 00	60	16 90	26 28	65 00	1	.....	.....	.....
DeGrasse and Silver Hill .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13 40	2 40	150 05	36	13 37	30 21	170 94	.....	.....	1	600
Wayne District																
Rose and Clyde .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 20	46 15	9 80	494 50	75	77 00	.....	82 00	2	3500	1	1600
Alton .....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	53 26	10 20	600 08	72	82 62	.....	325 00	1	2000	1	2000
East Williamson .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	22 36	.....	481 75	120	66 77	26 00	150 00	1	2500	1	1800
West Webster .....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	32 66	.....	310 00	100	52 68	.....	69 00	1	1600	1	1200
Union Hill	5 40	2 35	.....	.....	.....	33 16	5 80	416 30	75	54 96	.....	85 02	1	1000	1	1200
Binghamton District										927 87						
Binghamton .....	.....	2 09	1 00	1 50	26 07	132 57	12 80	700 00	200	104 05	35 15	622 10	1	4000	1	3500
Norwich .....	.....	1 25	.....	1 00	11 03	31 73	6 60	608 27	180	54 50	30 00	137 50	1	2500	1	3500
North Pearsalia .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	27 76	8 80	480 90	60	70 40	41 90	147 63	1	1500	1	800
Ithaca .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	2 00	3 60	505 00	240	28 80	83 96	107 06	1	2500	1	3000
Cortland	37 37	4 00	.....	1 52	41 95	154 21	16 80	934 60	200	134 40	143 57	402 56	1	3500	1	3500
Pleasant Valley .....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	8 00	40 00	2 20	173 59	.....	20 00	.....	10 00	1	1200	1	1000
Endicott	4 13	4 03	52 19	5 00	607 00	200	50 29	55 68	349 87	1	4500	1	3000

*\$103.28 received at camp meeting.

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CHARGE	Raised in Sunday School for Foreign Missions	Raised for Children's Fund	Internal Conference S. S. Board	Raised for Annual Conference Sunday School Board	Raised in Sunday School for All Other Demerolences	Total Amount Raised in Sunday School	Conference Missions	Pastors' Support	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Support	Evangelists' Support	Incidentals	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Property
Corning District																
Corning	\$.	\$.	\$.	\$.	\$.	\$.	\$ 8 20	520 00	120	90 60	50 00	431 27	1	2500	1	3000
Painter Run and Tioga						30 00	2 60	391 00	38	41 08	8 00	23 17	1	1700	1	1700
Byersville, Dansville, Tuscarora						16 00	4 80	385 00	30	43 03	31 20	16 13	1	1000	1	1500
E. and W. Caton and Pettigrove						6 60	4 00	109 60	24	32 05	.....	16 00	2	1000	1	1200
Curtis						157 63	9 80	78 33	.....	8 00	70 00	77 36	1	1000	1	500
Penn Yan						80 71	6 40	585 00	150	78 60	32 67	204 50	1	1000	1	1800
Elmira	22 76	2 00	25	1 21	80 16	80 71	6 40	623 56	25	53 20	.....	211 51	1	4000	1	1800
Waverly and Sayre		2 00	40	21 43	21 43	21 43	5 80	332 56	.....	49 40	28 00	32 48	1	1200	.....	.....
Italy Hill										874 87						
Utica District																
Utica							4 20	475 00	300	40 41	30 00	338 45	1	5000	1	3500
Rome	21 00	2 04	3 50	107 06	.....	107 06	9 80	575 00	200	86 03	65 50	100 00	1	3000	1	2000
Camden	4 00	1 05	2 50	24 08	2 50	24 08	7 60	501 71	100	60 53	20 00	213 94	1	3000	1	2000
Herkimer				25 00	25 00	25 00	6 40	225 00	280	47 58	14 58	72 30	1	3500	1	3000
Scotch Bush				33 74	33 74	33 74	4 40	551 13	72	40 73	66 04	236 03	1	2500	.....	1000
Oneida	75	1 35	1 00	96 24	96 24	96 24	4 40	551 13	72	40 73	66 04	236 03	1	2500	.....	1000
Saratoga District																
Saratoga Springs	8 41	2 64		31 71	31 71	31 71	9 40	582 50	200	92 83	283 51	1	7500	1	4000
Glens Falls				9 00	9 00	9 00	6 40	504 74	175	48 39	62 00	203 41	1	1600	1	1800
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Bolton and Warrensburg				26 52	26 52	26 52	4 60	468 53	60	42 00	53 34	214 85	1	1000	1	800
Corinth				94 31	94 31	94 31	2 00	349 25	.....	18 09	55 05	163 98	1	1300	1	1800
Charlotteville, Jefferson, etc.	5 31	1 21	50	17 41	17 41	17 41	8 80	396 27	50	80 09	.....	400 00	4	3500	1	1000
Burlington District																
Burlington	10 00	2 00		15 86	15 86	15 86	7 60	503 00	180	67 00	55 00	330 54	1	5000	1	2000
St. Armand Centre, Clarenceville and East Franklin				30 11	30 11	30 11	3 20	314 84	50	50 00	97 83	15 00	1	800	1	1200
Total	\$167 03	\$40 58	\$6 75	\$14 85	\$505 92	\$2296 94	\$266 80	\$19684 30	\$ 4764	\$2752 13	\$1902 04	\$9280 24	51	\$104700	40	\$74150

Minutes of the Forty-fourth Annual Session, held
at Meshoppen, Pennsylvania, September 19-23,
1917

C. ADAM KRESS, *Secretary* M. A. PARKER, *Assistant Secretary*
C. E. FERGUSON, L. D. WALLACE, *Tellers* W. B. BERTELS, *Treasurer*

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CONFERENCE SUNDAY-SCHOOL SECRETARIES

New York and Philadelphia districts, H. W. Hodge; Wilkes-Barre district, A. G. Miller; Windsor and New England districts, D. J. Santmier.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

W. B. Bertels, president; Hedley Pedlar, secretary; W. J. Barnes, treasurer; George Eakins, R. P. Johnston. Their respective terms expire 1920, 1920, 1918, 1919, 1919.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Conference Missions (25 cents); second quarter, Conference Claimants' Fund, 50 cents; third quarter, General Missions (15 cents), Church Extension (10 cents), Annual Conference Entertainment (5 cents); fourth quarter, Bishops' Salaries (18 cents), Delegates' Expenses to General Conference (5 cents), General Conference Entertainment (2 cents), Permanent Fund (5 cents).

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

President, Mrs. Martha L. Shoup, 583 Tenth street, Brooklyn, New York; first vice-president, Mrs. Mary E. Santmier, 577 State street, Binghamton, New York; second vice-president, Mrs. Lucy E. Martin, 17 East street, Walton, New York; recording secretary, Mrs. Nellie Osborne Eakins, Ariel, Wayne county, Pennsylvania, R. F. D. 3; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Jessie Thompson Kress, 124 16th street, Brooklyn, New York; treasurer, Louisa Caynaugh, Port Jervis, New York; superintendent Junior work, Miss Kate H. Booth, Childs, Maryland; chairman box committee, Mrs. Frances E. McLaughlin, Windsor, New York; missionary book agent, Miss Kate H. Booth.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

William Gould,
John Wintsch,
A. G. Miller,
O. D. Seward,
F. A. Perkins,
John Caynaugh,
A. W. Myer,
W. J. Mosedale,
M. A. Parker,
C. E. Ferguson,
Moses Hayden,
L. D. Wallace.

O. V. Ketels,
J. W. Tamblyn,
W. B. Rose,
E. M. Sandys,
D. C. Stanton,
F. F. Shoup,
M. B. Myer,
H. W. Hodge,
W. E. Frederick,
H. Z. Albaugh,
A. K. Lindsley,

George Eakins,
D. J. Santmier,
J. T. Logan,
C. W. Stamp,
W. H. Laning,
J. E. Payne,
C. A. Kress,
W. H. VanNess,
F. E. Ambrose,
L. H. Kelley,
J. H. Moore,

DELEGATES

Mary A. Backenstoe,
E. O. Barnes,
M. F. Boring,
Frances Bristol,
Calvin Butts,
T. H. Craig,
J. F. Eberhard,
Frank Griffin,
D. W. Kintner,

George Lester,
Charles Main,
T. F. Markey,
Emma L. Myer,
Fred Myer,
Henry Osborn,
Hedley Pedlar,
J. J. Place,
Luther Poole,

E. H. Ryman,
Mary E. Santmier,
Thomas Shearer,
Louisa Smith,
R. C. Smith,
C. H. Stahl,
Alvin Swingle,
C. A. White,
S. T. Wolfe,

2. Who are the stationing committee? W. T. Hogue, H. W. Hodge, A. G. Miller, D. J. Santmier, Hedley Pedlar, E. O. Barnes, T. H. Craig.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? None.
4. Who remain on trial? C. K. Shoup, A. C. Thompson.
5. Who are admitted into full connection? Moses Hayden, A. K. Lindsley.
6. Who are the deacons? F. E. Ambrose, H. Z. Albaugh, L. H. Kelley, Moses Hayden, A. K. Lindsley.
7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? L. D. Wallace;
- H. Z. Albaugh elected, but not present to receive ordination.
8. Who have located this year? None.
9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? W. J. Mosedale, A. C. Thompson (probationer).
10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? William Gould, O. V. Ketels, J. W. Tambllyn, O. D. Seward, W. H. Laning, J. E. Payne.
11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? C. W. Stamp, from the Pittsburgh conference.
12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.
13. Who have been given a certificate of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? J. H. Moore, to the Colorado conference; L. D. Wallace, to the Georgia and Florida conference.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.
15. Who have died this year? None.
- 16-20. See statistical tables.
21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? William Gould, \$150; O. V. Ketels, \$150; J. W. Tambllyn, \$150; O. D. Seward, \$150; J. E. Payne, \$140; W. H. Laning, \$75; Emma H. Haviland, \$80.
- 22, 23. See statistics.
24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.
25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Newark, New Jersey. Time to be as near the third Wednesday in September, 1918, as may suit the convenience of the presiding bishop.

APPOINTMENTS

NEW YORK DISTRICT—H. W. HODGE, District Elder

Brooklyn, Sixteenth Street.....	C. Adam Kress
Brooklyn, Hooper Street.....	C. E. Ferguson
Roosevelt.....	To be supplied
New York.....	To be supplied
Newark.....	E. M. Sandys

W. B. Rose, publishing agent; William Gould, O. V. Ketels, superannuated; C. W. Stamp, F. F. Shoup, evangelists.

PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT—H. W. HODGE, District Elder

Philadelphia.....	D. C. Stanton
Pleasant Hill.....	To be supplied
Wilmington.....	To be supplied
Baltimore.....	M. A. Parker
Alesia and Fairmount.....	Lester Guier, supply
Newville.....	To be supplied
Rockville, Lay Hill and Spencerville.....	H. Z. Albaugh
Alexandria and Washington.....	W. H. VanNess

W. J. Mosedale, supernumerary; W. H. Laning, superannuated.

WILKES-BARRE DISTRICT—A. G. MILLER, District Elder

Wilkes-Barre and Dorranceton.....	A. K. Lindsley
White Haven, Beaumont and Sandy Valley.....	John Walters, supply

Allentown	John Wintsch
Phillipsburg	To be supplied
Dover	Genevieve Reed, supply
Trucksville, Dallas, Outlet, Orange, Plattsburg and Noxen	Moses Hayden
Meshoppen, Prospect Hill, Vose and Russell Hill	W. E. Frederick
Waverly and Scranton	Dana Dimmick, supply
Wright, Pease and East Lenox	Loren Wright, supply
Simon, Ariel and Pink	George Eakins
Beach Lake and Honesdale	C. E. Ross, supply

J. T. Logan, editor of the *Free Methodist*; O. D. Seward, J. W. Tamblin, superannuated; A. C. Thompson, supernumerary.

WINDSOR DISTRICT—D. J. SANTMIER, District Elder

Windsor and East Windsor	J. E. Norris, supply
Bainbridge and Unadilla	D. M. Thomas, supply
West Preston, Steven's Point, Kenyon Hill and Scott Center	
.....	L. H. Kelley and H. F. Hubbard, supply
Lake Como, Pleasant Valley and Equinunk	Harry Edwards, supply
Walton	M. B. Myer
Ferndale, Briscoe, Dahlia and Berrybrook	F. A. Perkins
Big Hollow and North Settlement	Harry Brenner, supply
Kingston	A. W. Myer
Allaben, Pine Hill, Denver and Bushnellville	Olin Hubbard, supply
Godeffroy, Port Jervis and Milford	John Cavanaugh

J. E. Payne, superannuated; L. D. Wallace, given a certificate of standing with a view to transfer to the Georgia and Florida conference; J. H. Moore, given a certificate of standing with a view to transfer to the Colorado conference; C. K. Shoup, supplying work in Pittsburgh conference.

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT—D. J. SANTMIER, District Elder

Worcester, Springfield and Clinton	F. E. Ambrose
Providence	J. J. Place, supply

LOCAL PREACHERS—ELDERS

W. B. Bertels, 19 East South street, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania	Albert Sergeant, 719 E. Seventh street, Wilmington, Delaware
C. E. Doty, 48 Wellington street, Worcester, Massachusetts	E. W. Wyeth, 31 Pearl street, Clinton, Massachusetts

LOCAL PREACHERS—DEACONS

W. A. Backenstoe, Natal, South Africa	C. F. Parmeter, Spencer, Massachusetts
W. J. Barnes, Honesdale, Pennsylvania	R. C. Smith..... Phoenicia, New York
W. A. F. Miller, 113 Clymer street, Brooklyn, New York	C. H. Stahl, 20 Stark street, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania
J. E. Norris..... Windsor, New York	D. M. Thomas.. Bainbridge, New York
E. S. Wolfe.... Milford, Pennsylvania	

DEACONESSES

Mrs. Mary S. Backenstoe, Natal, South Africa	Mrs. Ruth E. Sandys, 14 S. 12th street, Newark, New Jersey
Miss Kate H. Booth, R. F. D., Childs, Maryland	Mrs. Martha L. Shoup, 583 10th street, Brooklyn, New York

LOCAL PREACHERS—UNORDAINED

- John Bennett...Clinton, Massachusetts
 Frederick Beutinger, 45 N. Seventh street, Newark, New Jersey
 T. H. Craig.....Athol, Massachusetts
 Dana Dimmick, Waverly, Pennsylvania
 A. L. DeMund, 412 Seventh street, Brooklyn, New York
 J. F. Eberhard, 77 N. 15th street, East Orange, New Jersey
 G. W. Finney, Trucksville, Pennsylvania
 H. A. Frederick...Lineboro, Maryland
 L. R. Guier.....Hampstead, "
 Adolph Haase, North Chili, New York
 O. D. Hodlin, 88 Birch street, Worcester, Massachusetts
 J. D. Howard....Windham, New York
 H. F. Hubbard, Thompson, Pennsylvania
 J. B. Hultslander, Port Jervis, New York
 R. P. Johnston, 363½ 12th street, Brooklyn, New York
 V. C. Ketels, 155 31st street, Brooklyn, New York
 J. H. Kintner, Meshoppen, Pennsylvania
 Norman Lamoreaux, R. F. D., Dallas, Pennsylvania
 G. E. Lester, Equinunk, Pennsylvania
 Charles McKinney, R. F. D. 3, Ariel, Pennsylvania
 George McKinney, R. F. D. 3, Ariel, Pennsylvania
 Loren Wright...Nicholson, Pennsylvania
 T. F. Markey.....Alesia, Maryland
 W. T. Matthews, Roosevelt, Long Island, New York
 George Mosedale, Mt. Ranier, Maryland
 George Murgatroyd, 136 Rounds avenue, Providence, Rhode Island
 E. F. Myer...Cuddebackville, New York
 Charles Newberry, Noxen, Pennsylvania
 Charles Norris, 3310 Cedar avenue, Baltimore, Maryland
 R. P. Parker, Clark's Green, Pennsylvania
 Hedley Pedlar, 408 7th street, Brooklyn, New York
 George Peverill, 426 S. Lee street, Alexandria, Virginia
 P. R. Phillips.....Aurora, New York
 J. J. Place, 221 Pearl street, Providence, Rhode Island
 C. E. Ross...Beach Lake, Pennsylvania
 W. C. Roushey, Trucksville, Pennsylvania
 B. F. Schantz, 1026 Linden street, Allentown, Pennsylvania
 A. H. Smith...Uniondale, Pennsylvania
 Lewis Snitchler, Bainbridge, New York
 Isaac Sutton....Dallas, Pennsylvania
 Herbert Swingle...Ariel, "
 Frederick Troutner....New York City
 C. H. Tuttle, 7 Wyman street, Worcester, Massachusetts
 J. S. Wolfe.....Milford, Pennsylvania

EVANGELISTS

- Grace E. Barnes, Yeotmal, Berar, India
 Mrs. Anna T. Conelly, Alexandria, Virginia
 Mrs. Calista Fairchild, Pelham, New York
 Mrs. Lizzie K. Frederick, Meshoppen, Pennsylvania
 A. Eliza Haviland, Rahway, New Jersey
 Mrs. E. F. Myer, Cuddebackville, New York
 Elizabeth Moreland, Yeotmal, Berar, India
 Mrs. Sadie Myer...Walton, New York
 Mrs. Fannie Peverill, Alexandria, Virginia
 Mrs. Nellie Payne, East Windsor, New York
 Mrs. Ellen M. Reed, R. F. D. 3, Ariel, Pennsylvania
 Mrs. Genevieve McK. Reed, R. F. D. 3, Ariel, Pennsylvania
 Jennie Rigney...White Hall, Maryland
 Mrs. Mary E. Santmier, 577 State street, Binghamton, New York
 Mrs. Mattie Shafer, Hackettstown, New Jersey
 Mrs. Louisa Smith, 325 20th street, New York City
 Mrs. Blanche E. Stamp, 1132 Washington boulevard, Chicago, Illinois
 May B. Tarr, 30 Arch street, Providence, Rhode Island
 Mrs. Maggie VanNess, 416 2nd street, N. W., Washington, D. C.
 Mrs. Mary Walker, 183 Andover street, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

CONFERENCE ROLL AND PREACHERS' ADDRESSES

Year of admission
into full connection

	Name	Address
1863	William Gould, 363½ 12th street,	Brooklyn, New York.
1874	O. V. Ketels, 267 Chadwick avenue,	Newark, New Jersey.
1876	George Eakins, R. F. D. 3, Ariel,	Pennsylvania.
1878	John Wintsch, 444 Turner street,	Allentown, Pennsylvania.
1878	J. W. Tamblын, Beach Lake,	Pennsylvania.
1880	D. J. Santmier, 577 State street,	Binghamton, New York.
1881	A. G. Miller, 152 Bullman street,	Phillipsburg, New Jersey.
1881	F. A. Perkins, Ferndale,	New York.
1882	W. B. Rose, 1132 Washington boulevard,	Chicago, Illinois.
1885	J. T. Logan, 1132 Washington boulevard,	Chicago, Illinois.
1885	O. D. Seward, Lockwood,	New York.
	C. W. Stamp, 1132 Washington boulevard,	Chicago, Illinois.
1886	E. M. Sandys, 14 S. 12th street,	Newark, New Jersey.
1886	D. C. Stanton, N. 11th and Westmoreland streets,	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
1887	W. H. Laning, 2341 N. Cleveland avenue,	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
1890	John Cavanaugh, Port Jervis,	New York.
1892	F. F. Shoup, 583 10th street,	Brooklyn, New York.
1893	J. E. Payne, East Windsor,	New York.
1896	A. W. Myer, 185 Elmendorf street,	Kingston, New York.
1898	M. B. Myer, Walton,	New York.
1904	C. A. Kress, 124 16th street,	Brooklyn, New York.
1906	W. J. Mosedale, Rockville,	Maryland.
1908	H. W. Hodge, 3626 Roland avenue,	Baltimore, Maryland.
1908	W. H. VanNess, 416 N. 2nd street,	N. W., Washington, D. C.
1909	M. A. Parker, 3355 Beech avenue,	Baltimore, Maryland.
1911	C. E. Ferguson, 76 Hooper street,	Brooklyn, New York.
1913	W. E. Frederick, Meshoppen,	Pennsylvania.
1914	F. E. Ambrose, Clinton,	Massachusetts.
1914	H. Z. Albaugh, Ednor,	Maryland.
1915	L. D. Wallace, 273 Hill street,	Atlanta, Georgia.
1916	L. H. Kelley, Brandt,	Pennsylvania.
1917	Moses Hayden, Trucksville,	Pennsylvania.
1917	A. K. Lindsley, 309 S. Main street,	Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

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1916	C. K. Shoup, Huntington,	Pennsylvania.
1916	A. C. Thompson, Youngstown,	Ohio.

MISCELLANEOUS

The forty-fourth annual session of the New York conference convened in the Free Methodist church, Meshoppen, Pennsylvania, September 19, 1917, 3:00 p. m. Six harmonious sittings were held, each marked by much of the Holy Spirit's presence. The general impression seemed to prevail that this session was the best held for many years. We were glad to again welcome our beloved Bishop W. T. Hogue, who presided with characteristic courtesy, impartiality and ability. His Sunday morning sermon was instructive and inspirational, and can not soon be forgotten. Mrs. Emma L. Hogue, his estimable wife, whose presence was greatly appreciated, represented the interests of the Publishing House. On the Sabbath Rev. L. D. Wallace was ordained elder and Rev. A. K. Lindsley deacon. Sunday afternoon Rev. J. S. MacGeary, our missionary secretary, gave an interesting and profitable missionary address. In the evening Rev. J. T. Logan preached one of his characteristically forceful sermons to a

congregation that overtaxed the seating capacity of the church. The personnel of the conference suggested not only mental and spiritual strength, but temporal resourcefulness, having raised for all purposes approximately \$1,300. Besides this a loan of \$6,000 was raised for the trustees of the Hooper Street Free Methodist church of Brooklyn, to prevent the threatened foreclosure of a mortgage held against said church and parsonage property. Much credit is due the pastor, Rev. Moses Hayden, and wife for the hospitable and unstinted entertainment provided for the members and visitors in attendance.

NEW YORK CONFERENCE RECORD

Session	PLACE		TIME		PRESIDENT	SECRETARY
1	Brooklyn,	New York	September	3, 1874	B. T. Roberts	W. Gould
2	Philadelphia,	Pennsylvania	September	1, 1875	"	"
3	Windsor,	New York	September	27, 1876	E. P. Hart	"
4	Wilkes-Barre,	Pennsylvania	September	12, 1877	"	E. P. Sellew
5	Rahway,	New Jersey	September	4, 1878	B. T. Roberts	"
6	Philadelphia,	Pennsylvania	September	3, 1879	E. P. Hart	"
7	Brooklyn,	New York	September	8, 1880	B. T. Roberts	W. Gould
8	Dover,	New Jersey	September	6, 1881	E. P. Hart	"
9	Windsor,	New York	August	30, 1882	B. T. Roberts	W. B. Rose
10	Uniondale,	Pennsylvania	August	30, 1883	E. P. Hart	"
11	Philadelphia,	"	September	3, 1884	B. T. Roberts	"
12	South Canaan,	"	September	2, 1885	E. P. Hart	"
13	Brooklyn,	New York	August	11, 1886	B. T. Roberts	"
14	Wilkes-Barre,	Pennsylvania	March	9, 1887	"	"
15	Philadelphia,	"	March	7, 1888	"	"
16	Dover,	New Jersey	March	13, 1889	G. W. Coleman	"
17	Vineland,	"	August	6, 1890	B. T. Roberts	"
18	Bainbridge,	New York	September	9, 1891	E. P. Hart	"
19	South Canaan,	Pennsylvania	September	14, 1892	G. W. Coleman	J. T. Logan
20	Alexandria,	Virginia	October	11, 1893	W. T. Hogue	"
21	Dover,	New Jersey	September	19, 1894	E. P. Hart	"
22	Windsor,	New York	October	2, 1895	G. W. Coleman	"
23	South Canaan,	Pennsylvania	September	30, 1896	B. R. Jones	"
24	Philadelphia,	"	October	6, 1897	E. P. Hart	"
25	Wilkes-Barre,	"	October	5, 1898	G. W. Coleman	"
26	Allentown,	"	September	20, 1899	B. R. Jones	"
27	Meshoppen,	"	September	12, 1900	E. P. Hart	"
28	Alexandria,	Virginia	September	18, 1901	G. W. Coleman	"
29	Allentown,	Pennsylvania	September	24, 1902	W. A. Sellew	"
30	Wilkes-Barre,	"	September	16, 1903	B. R. Jones	"
31	South Canaan,	"	September	14, 1904	W. H. Clark	"
32	White Haven,	"	September	13, 1905	W. T. Hogue	"
33	Wilkes-Barre,	"	September	19, 1906	W. A. Sellew	"
34	Dover,	New Jersey	September	18, 1907	B. R. Jones	B. A. Scull
35	Allentown,	Pennsylvania	September	16, 1908	W. A. Sellew	"
36	White Haven,	"	September	22, 1909	William Pearce	"
37	South Canaan,	"	September	14, 1910	W. A. Sellew	"
38	Brooklyn,	New York	September	20, 1911	B. R. Jones	"
39	Trucksville,	Pennsylvania	September	18, 1912	William Pearce	C. A. Kress
40	Philadelphia,	"	September	17, 1913	W. T. Hogue	"
41	Baltimore,	Maryland	September	16, 1914	W. A. Sellew	"
42	Walton,	New York	September	15, 1915	B. R. Jones	"
43	Wilkes-Barre,	Pennsylvania	September	20, 1916	William Pearce	"
44	Meshoppen,	"	September	19, 1917	W. T. Hogue	"

TREASURER'S REPORT

CONFERENCE MISSIONS—Apportioned, \$305.25; paid, \$305.00; deficit, 25 cents.

GENERAL MISSIONS—Apportioned, \$183.15; paid, \$183.00; deficit, 15 cents.

CHURCH EXTENSION—Apportioned, \$122.10; paid, \$122.00; deficit, 10 cents.

CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT—Apportioned, \$61.05; paid, \$61.00; deficit, 5 cents.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS—Apportioned, \$610.50; paid, \$608.80; deficit, \$1.70.

BISHOPS' SALARIES—Apportioned, \$219.78; paid, \$212.65; deficit, \$7.13.

DELEGATES' EXPENSES TO GENERAL CONFERENCE—Apportioned, \$61.05; paid, \$54.60; deficit, \$6.45.

GENERAL CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT—Apportioned, \$24.42; paid, \$22.54; deficit, \$1.88.

PERMANENT FUND—Apportioned, \$61.05; paid, \$56.75; deficit, \$4.30.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—Apportioned, \$26.33; paid, \$26.33.

EDUCATIONAL FUND—Apportioned, \$15.66; paid, \$15.66.

CHILDREN'S FUND—Apportioned, \$28.27; paid, \$28.27.

PAID TO JOHN CAVNAUGH, \$300.

Total apportionment, \$1,718.61; total paid, \$1,696.60; total deficit, \$22.01.

The above deficit was amply provided for by a balance on hand from last year, and by funds from other sources.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON PUBLICATIONS

God from the beginning appointed language as one of the principal means of communication between Himself and man and between man and man. He spake to our race not alone by His own audible voice or that of His prophets, His Son and His apostles, through the hearing of the ear, but as really through written language perceptible to the eye—the ten commandments which He wrote with His own finger upon the two tables of stone and the lively oracles of the prophets and apostles and the recorded word of Him who spake as never man spake. It is the written word the apostle speaks of in 2 Peter 1: 19 to 21 (after speaking of the “voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with Him in the holy mount”) where he says, “We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts. Knowing this first, that no prophecy of scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in the old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.” “In giving the written word God provided for the moral and spiritual guidance not only of the generation to whom it was first given, but for that of all subsequent ages.” “While spoken language has the advantage of instant readiness wherever there is a tongue to speak and an ear to hear, and can be varied with circumstances and adapted to the special wants and changing perceptions of those to whom it is addressed, written language is available at all times and in all places.” It can, in this age especially, be cheaply multiplied and scattered broadcast. “Frequently it can find access where the living speaker can not, and while he must die it endures from age to age. Great as was the influence of the apostles and prophets through the agency of spoken language, the influence of their writings have been vastly greater. Their voices expired with their natural life, but their written speech still marches on more and more rapidly, and will do so to the end of time.” It has been fiercely assailed. Still it survives. It is translated into more than four hundred languages and dialects and though the British and American Bible Societies alone, to say nothing of the many other publishers, print more than eighteen millions of copies annually they can not supply the demand; so that by the wise ordering

of providence the apostles and prophets though dead yet speak, and that to increasing millions as the years pass by and will do so as long as the world lasts. Those who read their writings should not only receive their teachings, but through these teachings become partakers of the benefits of the gospel and propagators of the like precious faith. They should sound out the truth which has made them free in their own forms of expression and with new adaptations to the ever changing conditions of the human family. As an illustration of the endless stream of influence of written truth brought to the attention of the unconverted: "In the sixteenth century Dr. Sibbs wrote a little book entitled, 'The Bruised Reed.' A copy of this sold by a pedlar in a lowly cottage in England was the means used by God to the awakening of Richard Baxter, who was born in 1615. His convictions were deepened by reading part of a book by Mr. Perkins on repentance. Thus the only human agency by which he was led to God was that of books. Yet he became one of the most earnest preachers and prolific writers of his age. He published enough before his death, which took place in 1691, to fill twenty-three large volumes. Two of his smaller works, 'The Serious Call to the Unconverted,' and 'The Saints' Everlasting Rest,' have, it is said, passed through countless editions both in England and in America, and doubtless will continue to be widely read in English speaking countries as long as time endures. Of the full extent of their influence it is impossible to form an adequate estimate. But here and there links can be discovered. Philip Doddridge, when young, borrowed the works of Baxter and in time became the author of 'The Rise and Progress of Religion in the Soul,' a work which led William Wilberforce to seek salvation through Christ. He wrote, 'Practical Views of Christianity.' This led Leigh Richmond to Christ. He wrote, 'The Young Cottager,' 'The Dairyman's Daughter,' and various other tracts. These have been published in many languages and made through God's blessing the means of the conversion of many souls." Probably no line of Christian effort has been productive of more good than the distribution of printed religious truth, whether in the form of books, tracts or papers. Volumes could be filled with facts illustrative of this truth.

But the great enemy of all righteousness has not been slow to perceive that as the press is the most potent influence for good, so it is also one of the most effective agencies for the accomplishment of evil. He has seized upon it to propagate society-corrupting vice, political embroilments and soul-destroying error. He is wily enough to change his tactics and to adapt his methods and the agents he employs to the ever changing conditions brought about by the progress of civilization and the diffusion of knowledge. At the present time his most to be dreaded and most damaging assaults are not made through the coarse and blatant writings of the Voltaires, Humes, Ingersolls and such like. He seems to make small use of such as these. His biggest and longest range guns are batteries masked as Christian literature, and sold at a very low price, or scattered broadcast freely, by sects claiming to be Christian, such as Latter Day Saints, Christian Scientists, Millennial Dawnists and Higher Critics, who seem loathe to leave us even the covers of the Bible without at least obliterating the usual title of Holy Bible on the back thereof. Higher Criticism, more correctly denominated Destructive Criticism, like other world-destroying influences, seems to have its origin and support in German Rationalism and so-called German "Kultur," and to have gotten such a foothold among the professors in many of our largest institutions of learning and even in many so-called Christian pulpits, as to completely devitalize both their oral and written instruction and render it no longer wise or even safe to allow young people to come under their control. Under these circumstances we have great cause of gratitude to God that in His wise providence He has given us a Publishing House which produces and circulates only the most wholesome literature. This is one of the most important departments of work under our control as a church. It deserves our most hearty support. Much has been said in commendation of the excellence of the safe and sane literature it publishes, of the

careful selection of the works of other publishers which it handles, as well as of its judicious management. Much more might be said. But at the present time this is not what is most needed. The pressing need of the hour is a united effort by our preachers and members to place our publications and especially the *Free Methodist*, *Missionary Tidings*, *Life and Light Evangel*, Arnold's Sunday-school Lessons, Hogue's and MacGeary's Histories of the Free Methodist Church in every Free Methodist home and in as many others as possible, and the cooperation of our agent and executive committee in such an effort by making prices as near cost as possible. Now for a long pull, a strong pull, and a pull all together.

II.—ON THE STATE OF THE COUNTRY

It appears that when God created the heaven and the earth He designed the western continent to be the cradle of liberty, the land of the free and the home of the brave. Just why He hid this great land from historic man for fifty-five centuries and allowed it to be discovered by Christopher Columbus after so long a time is a mystery that no one can solve.

For 5,500 years our ancestors roamed over the hills and valleys, the mountains and islands of the Eastern world, when suddenly the opportunity of a coming empire in a new world burst on the decadent peoples of Europe. * * *

In the course of events Oliver Cromwell drove Absolutism out of England for a time and although Charles II later ascended the throne, the spirit of Cromwell permeated New England, culminating finally in American independence and the founding of a broad democracy in this country.

We recognize that the God of battles gave to this nation such men as George Washington, John Adams, James Monroe, Abraham Lincoln, Ulysses S. Grant and the eminent scholar, the God-fearing Woodrow Wilson, to guide this young and vigorous nation through the dark and troublous times, to bring triumphant victory to our nation, that government "of the people, by the people, and for the people" should not perish from the earth.

We recognize the present great war as God's appointed means of punishing the wicked nations of the earth, including our own beloved nation, for the sins of which they have been guilty.

We mourn that our great American nation has been drawn into this awful carnage. We are of the opinion, however, that our honored President acted toward the Central Empires with great patience and that he did all in his power to keep us out of the conflict; that not until the principles of righteousness and the honor of our country demanded it did he consent to this nation entering the war.

We confess and deplore the fact that our beloved nation has been guilty of many sins, provoking most justly the wrath of God. Accordingly, we suggest that all our people, both ministry and laity, should humble themselves before the Almighty, earnestly pleading that His wrath may be turned aside and that the further needless shedding of blood may cease and that universal peace among the nations of the earth may prevail.

We advise that our preachers give themselves to preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ and not permit themselves to be drawn into discussions of war questions. Our call is to evangelize the world, for God loves the people of every nation and tongue on the face of the earth.

We advise, further, that our people should be especially kind and courteous to all alien enemy peoples in our midst, many of whom are ostracized by the masses.

We do here and now declare ourselves to be loyal American citizens and pledge ourselves to be true to the flag and what it represents. We suggest that daily prayer should be made for our honored President that he may have wisdom to know the right and grace to perform it; and for the preservation of our soldiers and sailors, many of whom have gone out to war from our homes, and unless the Lord graciously interposes to stop the war some of them will never return to our firesides.

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New York District																
Brooklyn, Sixteenth Street.....	\$ 54 76	\$ 4 50	\$.....	\$.....	\$48 24	\$ 315 17	\$ 12 25	\$ 925 93	\$ 300	\$ 100 02	\$ 64 00	\$ 854 35	1	\$ 20000	1	\$ 4000
Brooklyn, Hooper Street.....						75 00	9 25	519 17	180	76 65	15 00	105 50	1	12000	1	6000
Brooklyn, Roosevelt.....						53 65				119 28	23 00	50 00				
New York City.....	5 05				23 10	98 00	10 25	850 00	350	135 00	50 00	150 00	1	8000	1	4500
Newark, N. J.....										181 00						
Camp meeting, etc.....																
Philadelphia District																
Philadelphia.....						11 19	4 00	334 16	165	55 67		24 80	1	3000	1	2000
Vineand.....						7 22		283 67				19 11	1	1000		
Pleasant Hill.....						63 73	4 75	166 37		38 70	40 50					
Wilmington.....						145 43	2 00	860 10		45 94	82 00	352 55	1	5550		
Baltimore.....	4 24				10 00		9 00	860 10		92 00	115 88		2	2000		
Alesia and Fairmount.....							2 25	253 50		50 00	89 31	35 00				
Newville.....							2 25	25 00								
Rockville, Lee Hill, Spencerville.....		4 77				43 27	22 20	720 00		153 16	162 36	40 80	3	5700		
Alexandria, Washington, Savage.....	6 00				15 00	44 00	12 50	772 00		69 19	50 00	25 00	2	5200		

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Wilkes-Barre District																
Wilkes-Barre and Dorrance...	\$ 26 33	\$ 2 00	\$ 2 00	\$ 4 00	\$ 5 00	\$ 69 51	\$ 14 25	\$ 682 77	\$ 240	\$ 84 79	\$ 58 00	\$ 226 00	12	\$ 17 000	1	\$ 17 000
White Haven, Beaumont, etc.		1 50			7 00	15 00	7 00	118 00		45 55	63 39	66 42	1	1 000	1	35 50
Allentown						61 18	6 25	554 63	216	83 92	28 25	338 66	1	3 500	1	35 50
Phillipsburg							50									
Dover							3 25			39 07		10 00	1	5 000	1	5 000
Dallas, Trucksville, Orange, etc.	1 84	6 00	2 00			84 97	22 25	787 43	96	102 30		341 75	1	8 800	1	17 50
Meshoppen, Prospect Hill, etc.						14 46	17 75	589 55	84	93 34	85 46		4	4 500	1	4 000
Wright, Pease and East Lenox																
Simon, Ariel and Pink	1 35	50				42 29	12 50	450 00	35	83 45	47 01	101 00	1	18 000	1	5 000
Beach, Lake and Honesdale						19 21	5 80	515 51	50	61 88	17 49	61 86	1	18 000	1	12 000
Waverly, Highland, etc.	10 06	2 07				48 25	9 75	413 11	100	183 42		400 00	1	32 000	1	8 000
Camp meeting, etc.										182 43						
Windsor District																
Windsor, East Windsor, etc.						38 07	11 50	509 66	72	82 00	58 64	87 00	12	20 000	1	8 000
Rainbridge and Unadilla						10 30	1 50	146 70		22 77	10 00			5 000		
West Preston, Stevens Point, etc.						15 00	13 00	685 68		74 29	92 81	175 00	2	16 000		
Lake Como, Pleasant Valley, etc.								377 31		41 26	28 59		2	15 000		
Walton and Cleaver						55 73	10 00	501 30	78	62 30		234 37	1	17 000		
Ferndale, Briscoe, Dalia, etc.	4 26	1 21				39 44	8 50	485 16	100	73 67	55 27		2	15 000		
Big Hollow, North Settlement	10 00	4 16				48 97	10 50	482 16	53	67 32		48 00	2	25 000		
Kingsdon						42 23	7 00	582 55		67 38	28 59		1	10 000		
Alauston, Pine Hill and Arkville	5 34	3 02				68 09	7 00	190 00		86 02		24 53	1	21 500		
Goderoy and Milford						16 06		136 73		102 30	30 04		1	2 000		
Camp meeting, etc.										100 88						
New England District																
Clinton, Worcester, Springfield	42 48					119 01	8 25	970 03		102 50	175 45	562 73				
Providence						9 61	2 75	335 00		28 00	9 00	200 00				
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TEXAS CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Thirty-eighth Annual Session, held
at Rockwall, Texas, October 10-14, 1917

OFFICERS

WILLIAM PEARCE, *President*

R. A. THOMPSON, *Secretary* H. FRANK COCHRAN, *Assistant Secretary*
F. D. PALMER, *Statistical Secretary*

COMMITTEES

- On Public Worship*—William Pearce, B. F. Harris, B. F. Ferrell.
On Publications—B. W. Huckabee, A. G. Fellows, J. B. Morris.
On Reforms—R. A. Thompson, J. C. George, J. H. Smith.
On Education—R. A. Thompson, B. F. Harris, A. R. Bullock.
On Sunday-schools—H. Frank Cochran, L. A. Miller, Lettie L. Moore.
On State of the Work—The district elders.
On Aggressive Evangelism—F. D. Palmer, M. M. Lowry, A. J. Tabor.
On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.
To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—J. F. Hendricks, J. B. Morris.
To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes—M. M. Lowry, A. R. Bullock.
On Missions and Missionary Appropriations—William Pearce, B. F. Harris,
R. A. Thompson, J. B. Morris, Kate Collins.
On Charities—G. F. Finger, R. E. Fletcher, Kate Collins.
On Claimants and Claims—William Pearce, B. F. Harris, R. A. Thompson,
J. B. Morris, Kate Collins.
Auditing Committee—J. F. Hendricks, A. G. Fellows.
On Memoirs—R. A. Thompson, L. A. Miller, F. D. Palmer.
On Complimentary Resolutions—B. W. Huckabee, L. A. Miller.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- R. A. Thompson, president, two years; B. F. Harris, secretary and treasurer,
one year; W. C. Rose, two years; H. F. Cochran, one year; R. E. Fletcher,
F. D. Palmer, three years.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

- R. A. Thompson, president; B. F. Harris, secretary; B. W. Huckabee, R. E.
Fletcher, J. B. Morris.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

- H. F. Cochran, president; B. F. Harris, secretary; R. A. Thompson, B. W.
Huckabee, F. D. Palmer.

CONFERENCE SUNDAY-SCHOOL SECRETARY

J. C. George, Campbell, Texas.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

- On Publications*—F. D. Palmer, *On Education*—B. W. Huckabee,
On Reforms—B. F. Harris, *On Sunday-schools*—J. C. George,
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 On Charities—H. Frank Cochran.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Bishops' Salaries (18 cents), General Missions (15 cents); second quarter, Church Extension (10 cents), Permanent Fund (5 cents); third quarter, Conference Claimants (50 cents); fourth quarter, Conference Missions (15 cents), General Conference Entertainment (2 cents), General Conference Delegates' Expenses (5 cents).

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

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DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

R. A. Thompson,	W. C. Rose,	L. A. Miller,
H. A. Hanson,	W. M. Adams,	B. F. Harris,
R. E. Fletcher,	L. P. Morris,	F. D. Palmer,
B. W. Huckabee,	J. C. George,	G. F. Finger,
T. L. Ensey,	H. Frank Cochran,	A. G. Fellows,
M. M. Lowry,	A. J. Mendenhall.	

DELEGATES

J. B. Morris,	Ada Baisden,	Lettie L. Moore,
A. J. Taber,	Frank I. Pickering,	A. R. Bullock,
J. H. Smith,	J. P. Powell,	T. J. White,
Kate Collins,	N. A. George.	

2. Who are the stationing committee? William Pearce, B. F. Harris, R. A. Thompson, J. B. Morris, Kate Collins.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? B. F. Ferrell, L. K. Adams.

4. Who remain on trial? J. J. Castleberry, A. G. Maxfield.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? None.

6. Who are the deacons? G. F. Finger, T. L. Ensey.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? None.

8. Who have located this year? None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? J. F. Hendricks, A. G. Maxfield.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? W. C. Rose, H. A. Hanson.

11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? A. J. Mendenhall, from the Kansas conference.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference? None.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? M. M. Lowry.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.

15. Who have died this year? George McCulloch.

16-20. See statistics.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? W. C. Rose, \$150; H. A. Hanson, \$50; Mattie Williams, \$10.

22, 23. See statistics.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where and when shall the next conference be held? At Dallas, Texas, as near the 10th of November as will suit the arrangements of the bishops.

APPOINTMENTS

DALLAS DISTRICT—R. A. THOMPSON, District Elder, R. 11, Box 12, Dallas, Texas

Dallas.....B. F. Harris, 2013 Payne street, Dallas, Texas
 Arcadia Park.....G. F. Finger, Dallas, "
 Ennis, Waxahachie and Oak....."
H. Frank Cochran, 602 W. Brown street, Ennis, "
 Ft. Worth and Friendship...R. E. Fletcher, 1033 East avenue, Ft. Worth, "
 R. A. Thompson, member Dallas district quarterly conference; J. G. Adams, temperance evangelist.

CAMPBELL DISTRICT—R. A. THOMPSON, District Elder

Campbell.....B. W. Huckabee, Campbell, Texas
 Greenville...Mollie J. Peppers, supply, 1203 Walnut street, Greenville, "
 White Rock and Etta Lake.....L. K. Adams, Campbell, "
 Rockwall Circuit.....B. F. Ferrell, Rockwall, "
 Mt. Vernon and Lakeview Circuit....T. J. White, supply, Hagansport, "
 DeKalb Circuit.....L. M. Payne, DeKalb, "
 Big Sandy Circuit.....J. J. Castleberry, R. 1, Big Sandy, "
 Van Circuit...W. M. Adams, Almira Adams, supply, R. 6, Grand Saline, "
 Paris Circuit.....A. G. Fellows, Campbell, "

L. A. Miller and J. C. George, evangelists, Campbell, Texas; A. G. Maxfield, supernumerary, R. 5, Grand Saline, Texas; M. M. Lowry, given certificate of standing with view to transfer to the Oklahoma conference.

SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT—R. A. THOMPSON, District Elder

San Antonio and San Marcos.....
L. P. Morris, 107 Sharer street, San Antonio, Texas
 H. A. Hanson, superannuated, San Antonio, Texas.

AMARILLO DISTRICT—F. D. PALMER, District Elder, 300 Fifth street, Wichita Falls, Texas

Amarillo Circuit.....Fred M. Hendricks, supply,
503 Jackson street, Amarillo, Texas
 Memphis Circuit.....T. L. Ensey, Memphis, "
 Portales Circuit.....A. J. Mendenhall, Clovis, New Mexico
 Wichita Falls.....To be supplied
 Abilene and Hamlin Circuit.....Elmer Smith, supply, Hamlin, Texas
 Toyah Valley Circuit.....W. W. Stewart, supply, Toyah, "
 W. C. Rose, superannuated; J. F. Hendricks, supernumerary.

LOCAL ELDERS AND DEACONS

L. C. Ellis.....Dallas, Texas I. W. Payne.....DeKalb, Texas
 M. J. Townsend.....Greenville, " D. BriggsParadise, "
 J. G. Adams.....Hanford, California C. E. Rose, 3515 Irvin avenue, Dallas.
 J. H. Smith.....Campbell, Texas
 Cyrus L. Nelson....Campbell, Texas

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

M. J. Peppers.....	Greenville, Texas	Mattie Price	Cleburne, Texas
Ada Huckabee	Campbell, "	Sadie Lowry..	R. 1, Sentinel, Oklahoma

LOCAL PREACHERS AND EVANGELISTS

E. A. Moore.....	Bonami, Louisiana	S. B. Ellison..	R. 1, Big Sandy, Texas
Elmer Smith	Hamlin, Texas	R. P. Morris.....	Amarillo, "
D. C. Weaver		W. A. Huffman..	Ringwood, Oklahoma
J. B. Morris.....	Campbell, Texas	John Castleberry....	Greenville, Texas
W. L. Neal.....	Wichita Falls, "	J. H. Smith.....	Rockwall, "
T. J. Kinningham...	Greenville, "	Rebecca Belk, R. C,	Waxahachie, "
J. J. Hewitt.....	Mt. Vernon, "	Almira Adams	R. 6, Grand Saline,
Garland S. George.....	Athens, "		Texas
J. W. Barber.....	Big Sandy, "	Maggie Moore	Bonami, Louisiana

DEACONESSES

Almeda Finger.....	Campbell, Texas	Minnie B. Potter,	Roswell, New Mexico
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TREASURER'S REPORT

BISHOPS' SALARIES—Paid in full.
 CHURCH EXTENSION—Paid in full.
 GENERAL MISSIONS—Paid in full.
 PERMANENT FUND—Paid in full.
 GENERAL CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT—Paid in full.
 CONFERENCE MISSIONS—Paid in full.

MISCELLANEOUS

The thirty-eighth session of the Texas conference was held at Rockwall, Texas, October 10-14, 1917. Five sittings were held in which a beautiful spirit of brotherly love prevailed. The president, Bishop Pearce, in his efficient way presided over the sittings of the conference to the entire satisfaction of all. His sermons and addresses were greatly appreciated. The pastor, Rev. B. F. Ferrell, and his people, with the assistance of their friends, entertained the conference and visitors in a kind and hospitable way. An educational service conducted by Prof. E. A. Andrews was held, in which a substantial amount was raised for the Campbell Seminary. A committee was appointed by the conference to look into the needs and make recommendations concerning the enlargement of the buildings or the erection of new ones.

The W. F. M. S. held an interesting meeting Sunday afternoon. Rev. B. W. Huckabee made the principal address. An offering of \$230 was taken in cash and subscriptions.

On Sunday morning an offering amounting to \$114 was raised to supplement the support of the district elder of the Amarillo district.

An impressive memorial service was held Saturday afternoon in honor of the late George McCulloch, our senior and most beloved member. A number of beautiful tributes were paid him by ministers and laymen. A committee was appointed by the conference, composed of R. A. Thompson, L. A. Miller, B. W. Huckabee, to raise funds for the erection of a monument to be placed at his grave. The appointments were well received in most instances and the Texas conference is looking forward to the accomplishment of greater things in the name of Jesus.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE TEXAS CONFERENCE

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers and Evangelists	Copies of "Large Methodist" Taken	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars (Numbered)	Members in Home Department	Names on Cradle Roll	Total Enrollment	General Conference (Assessed Claims) Total Only	Foreign Missions	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Educational Fund	Raised for Sunday School Expenses
Dallas District																	
Dallas	B. F. Harris, D. E.	67	4	71	6	10	1	9	115	36	45	295	\$ 68 25	\$	\$ 97 35	\$	\$ 140 09
Dallas and Oak	A. B. Harrell	28	5	33	1	8	2	11	50				61				25 00
Fort Worth and Friendship	H. F. Cadden	23		23	2	6	2	10	50				60				18 00
South Dallas	L. A. Miller												22 03				
Leota	G. F. Finger												15 75				
	D. Biggs, supply																
Campbell District																	
Campbell	B. F. Harris, D. E.	101	3	104	10	6	1	16	135		60	211	108 15		104 25		57 00
Greenville	E. W. Huckabee																
Rockwall	Mrs. M. J. Peppers, supply	18	1	19		4	1	5	25				30				10 00
Winboro and Mt. Vernon	R. F. Ferrell, supply	22		22	4	4	1	6	46	20	18	90	23 10		21 58		35 00
DeKalb	J. J. Hewitt, supply	4		4									6 30				
Big Sandy	J. W. Payne, supply	8		8									6 30				
Van	J. W. Castleberry	6		6		1							6 30				
	W. M. Adams, Almhra																
Battle Axe	J. Adams, supply	16	1	17	2	1	1	5	25			30	12 60		10 00		5 40
White Rock	L. C. George, supply	12		12		1							16 80				
	Lillie Moore, supply	15	3	18													
San Antonio District																	
San Antonio	B. F. Harris, D. E.	9	1	10		4	2	10	65	10	10	95	8 40				40 00
San Antonio and San Marcos	W. V. Ross, supply																
Amarillo District																	
Amarillo	W. C. Rose, D. E.	18		18	1	5	1	5	30			35	11 55				45 47
Memphis	F. D. Palmer	10		10	1	2							15 35				
Tortugas	A. G. Maxfield	6		6									3 55				
Wichita Falls	T. L. Eusey	10	6	16	2	1	1	4	40			44	13 65	10 00	10 00		10 00
Alvord and Hamlin	W. C. Smith, supply																
Alvord	W. C. Smith, supply																
Torah Valley	J. H. Smith, supply																
Lefors	W. W. Stewart, sup.												4 20				
Total		373	24	397	38	49	13	81	581	66	133	861	\$ 384 30	\$ 10 00	\$ 333 78	\$	\$ 394 96

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE TEXAS CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

CHARGE	Raised in Sunday School for Foreign Missions	Raised for Children's Fund	Raised for General Conference	Raised for Annual S. S. Board	Raised for Sunday School Board	Raised in Sunday School for All Other Benevolences	Total Amount Raised in Sunday School	Conference Missions	Pastors' Support	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Support	Evangelists' Support	Incidentals	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
Dallas District																	
Dallas	3	3	3	3	3	3	149 00	9 75	648 85	150	113 70	56 40	119 20	1	2000	1	1500
Ennis							25 10	4 80	528 05	200	60 00	47 50	426 20	1	3000	1	1500
Fort Worth and Friendship							18 00	3 15	200 00	125	26 00		15 00	1	1700	1	1500
South Dallas								7 65									
Leota								2 25									
Campbell District																	
Campbell							57 00	15 45	423 24	150	142 00	241 50	78 00	1	1000	1	800
Greenville							43 40	1 80	175 00	60	36 05	44 50	21 25	1	1000	1	800
Rockwall							35 00	3 30	154 00	60	63 00	23 00	60 05	1	1000	1	800
Winshoro and Mt. Vernon								90	63 00		10 00	28 40					
DeKalb								90	15 00		15 00	15 00					
Big Sandy							5 40	1 80	108 40		30 00	44 00	38 75	1	200	1	75
Van								2 40	23 40		20 00	5 00	1 25		100		
Battle Axe									7 00			150 00					
White Rock																	
San Antonio District																	
San Antonio and San Marcos							40 00	1 20	50 00	120	50 23	30 00	20 00	1	2500	1	2000
Amarillo District																	
Amarillo	3	3	3	3	3	3	48 72	1 65	340 00		15 10	55 00	83 80	1	800		
Memphis								2 25									
Portales								7 75			28 75						
Wichita Falls							10 00	1 95	42 00	75	6 80	18 00	312 50	1	600	1	700
Abilene and Hamlin																	
Miles																	
Toyah Valley																	
Lefors								60									
Total	3	3	3	3	3	3	431 61	54 90	2842 08	880	636 63	778 30	\$1176 30	13	\$13000	10	\$875

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SOUTH DAKOTA CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Thirty-fifth Annual Session, held
at Wessington Springs, South Dakota, October
3-7, 1917

OFFICERS

W. B. OLMSTEAD, *President*
C. M. GOLDIE, *Secretary* W. A. HARDEN, *Assistant Secretary*
C. A. EVANS, *Treasurer* W. A. HARDEN, *Sunday-school Secretary*

COMMITTEES

On Nominations—O. E. Edwards, T. Donoghue, W. A. Harden.
On Public Worship—W. B. Olmstead, T. Donoghue, Minnie A. Beers.
On Reforms—W. A. Harden, D. B. Weintz.
On Education—T. Donoghue, R. R. Dixon.
On Publications—W. D. McMullen, R. Ashcraft.
On Charities—G. A. Evans, Herman Schrader.
On Aggressive Evangelism—O. E. Edwards, W. H. Haight.
On Sunday-schools—C. M. Goldie, Alta Waller.
To Visit Wessington Springs Junior College—O. E. Edwards.
To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—Harry F. Johnson.
To Audit Treasurer's Books—R. O'Connor.
To Collect Funds for Publishing the Minutes—A. C. Merrigan.
On Resolutions—Winnie Ashcraft, Alta Waller.
For Railroad Secretary—W. D. McMullen.
On State of the Work—The district elders.
On Ministerial Association—W. A. Harden, C. A. Evans, W. H. Haight.
On Tithers' League—W. A. Harden, W. D. McMullen.
On Conference Claimants and Claims—W. B. Olmstead, O. E. Edwards, T. Donoghue, Herman Schrader, G. H. Andrews.
On Missions and Missionary Appropriations—The stationing committee.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

W. D. McMullen, president; R. O'Connor, secretary; C. A. Evans, treasurer;
H. A. Schrader, A. C. Merrigan.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

W. D. McMullen, president, 1921; R. O'Connor, secretary, 1919; H. A. Schrader, treasurer, 1918; William Chavers, 1920; W. A. Harden, 1922.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

T. Donoghue, president, 1921; W. A. Harden, secretary, 1919; W. D. McMullen, 1920.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF WESSINGTON SPRINGS JUNIOR COLLEGE

William Chavers, W. F. Harding, Fred Dunham, 1919; J. B. Collins, Peter Schultz, J. W. Whiteside, 1918; T. Donoghue, W. D. McMullen, F. O. Lewis, 1920; W. S. Ballenger, 1917.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, General Missions, Permanent Fund; second quarter, Conference Claimants; third quarter, Bishops' Salaries, Church Extension; fourth quarter, Entertainment General Conference, Conference Missions (21 cents), Evangelistic Fund (14 cents).

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTIC AND MISSIONARY BOARD

W. D. McMullen, 1919; T. Donoghue, 1920; J. P. Jensen, 1921; W. A. Harden, 1918; C. A. Evans, W. B. Olmstead, O. E. Edwards, W. H. Haight, 1922.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Reforms—W. H. Haight, *On Charities*—Harry F. Johnson,
On Education—Henry Hendrickson, *On Aggressive Evangelism*—W. A. Har-
On Publications—Minnie A. Beers, den,
On Sunday-schools—W. D. McMullen.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

President, Fannie McMullen, 604 4th avenue, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; first vice-president, Mrs. E. Donoghue, Wessington Springs, South Dakota; second vice-president, Mrs. Emma Goldie, Mitchell, South Dakota; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Gertie Weintz, Ortley, South Dakota; recording secretary and treasurer, Alta Waller, Waubay, South Dakota; superintendent of Junior work, Mrs. W. H. Haight, Wessington Springs, South Dakota; amount raised this year for foreign missions, \$899.55.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

W. B. Olmstead,	W. D. McMullen.	T. Donoghue,
W. A. Harden,	H. L. Torsey,	C. A. Evans,
R. Ashcraft,	D. B. Waller,	R. O'Connor,
D. B. Weintz,	G. A. Evans,	C. M. Goldie,
Minnie A. Beers,	Harry F. Johnson,	O. E. Edwards,
W. H. Haight,	Henry Hendrickson,	Winnie Ashcraft,
Augusta Jensen.		

DELEGATES

R. R. Dixon,	H. L. Atkinson,	Emma J. Smith,
G. H. Andrews,	Alta Waller,	G. W. Austin,
Gladys Williams,	H. A. Schrader,	A. C. Merrigan,
Maggie McMullen,	Semore Schoff.	

2. Who are the stationing committee? W. B. Olmstead, T. Donoghue, O. E. Edwards, H. A. Schrader, G. H. Andrews.

5. Who are admitted into full membership? Henry Hendrickson.

6. Who are the deacons? D. B. Waller, R. O'Connor, D. B. Weintz, G. A. Evans, Minnie A. Beers, Henry Hendrickson.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? C. A. Evans, Harry F. Johnson.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? H. L. Torsey, R. Ashcraft, D. B. Waller.

11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? W. B. Olmstead, from the Ohio conference, and W. H. Haight, from the Alberta conference.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? G. W. Griffith.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed.

3, 4, 8, 10, 12, 15. None.

16-20. See statistical report.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? Sarah Earl, \$35.

24. See list of appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Ortley, South

Dakota, as near the first Wednesday in October as will suit the convenience of the bishop who is to preside.

APPOINTMENTS

SIoux FALLS DISTRICT—O. E. EDWARDS, District Elder,
Wessington Springs, South Dakota

Sioux Falls and Boyden.....
.....W. D. McMullen, 604 4th avenue, Sioux Falls, South Dakota
Hartman and Chester.....R. O'Connor, Route 2, Humboldt, "
Beresford.....Harry F. Johnson, Beresford, "
Wall Lake.....S. B. Shaw, supply, Hartford, "
Vienna, Watertown and Brookings.....W. A. Harden, Vienna, "
Ortley.....D. B. Weintz, Ortley, "
Berton.....To be supplied
D. B. Waller, H. L. Torsey, supernumerary; C. A. Evans, evangelist.

WESSINGTON SPRINGS DISTRICT—W. H. HAIGHT, District Elder,
Wessington Springs, South Dakota

Wessington Springs and Dale Center.....
.....Minnie A. Beers, Wessington Springs, South Dakota
Woonsocket Circuit.....To be supplied
Bates.....Levi Patton, supply, Bates, South Dakota
Mitchell, Olivet and Wittenberg.....C. M. Goldie, "
.....Emma Goldie, supply, Mitchell, "
Kennebec.....James and Augusta Jensen, supplies, Kennebec, "
Draper and Murdo.....G. H. Andrews, supply, Kennebec, "
Paulkton, Burkmere and Dunsmore.....To be supplied
Liberty, Fairview and Carlyle.....G. A. Evans, Ipswich, South Dakota
W. B. Olmstead, president Wessington Springs Junior College; Henry
Hendrickson, principal Wessington Springs Junior College; T. Donoghue, evangelist, Wessington Springs, South Dakota; R. Ashcraft, supernumerary, Kennebec, South Dakota.

MISCELLANEOUS

The thirty-fifth session of the South Dakota conference was one of the best held in recent years. Evidences of prosperity were not wanting and a harmonious spirit prevailed during the entire session. Owing to the illness of Bishop Jones the conference was presided over by W. B. Olmstead, president of Wessington Springs Junior College. L. G. Lewis, of McPherson, Kansas, conducted revival services in the college auditorium each evening of the conference week and many of the students were to be found at the long altar seeking either pardon or purity. The conference was well attended by our preachers, delegates and visitors and all were comfortably entertained by our hospitable Wessington Springs society. W. B. Olmstead, who in May, 1916, was persuaded to accept the presidency and shoulder the burden of lifting Wessington Springs Seminary out of its financial difficulties, presented credentials from the Ohio conference and cast his lot with us. At the request of the board of trustees the conference sanctioned the change of the name of the school to Wessington Springs Junior College. W. H. Haight, from the Alberta conference, who has been laboring with us as evangelist the past year, was received into the conference. Much interest was centered in the new girls' dormitory now in process of erection for the college. On Sunday morning subscriptions amounting to \$4,000 were secured for this building, bringing the total amount raised up to \$21,000. About \$5,000 more is needed to

complete and furnish the building. At the missionary meeting held on Sunday afternoon \$313.50 was raised in cash and subscriptions for foreign missions.

The following patriotic resolutions were passed:

WHEREAS, The nations of the earth are at the present time in the greatest military struggle that has ever been since the creation of the human race, divided against each other, designated as the Allies, including as the principal powers, Great Britain, France, Italy and the United States on the one side and the Central Powers, Germany, Austria-Hungary and Turkey, on the other side; and that these contending nations are striving, now at least, for great principles, namely, democracy, with its free institutions, free speech and free press, a government of the people, for the people and by the people under Almighty God, as against autocracy and militarism, the iron rule and the mailed fist; therefore, be it

Resolved, That though we abhor war and are decidedly opposed to offensive warfare, we hereby express our loyalty to the President and the government of the United States in this great struggle for democracy and that we manifest the same by doing what we can to bring about the desired end. That we pray for the President, that the wisdom and help of God be granted unto him, and for our soldier boys, that God may vouchsafe to grant unto them repentance and forgiveness of sins, and also that permanent peace be restored to the earth very soon on the principles laid down in God's Word. Also that we show our patriotism by singing the national anthem, "America."

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

I.—ON REFORMS

The term "Reform" indicates broken battle lines that need a new alignment for the conflict. The Free Methodist church has ever stood in the van on all moral questions, and still presents an unbroken front. We believe that more than ever there is need to maintain our position, and we would place strong emphasis upon the following:

The Secret Order System.—Whether fraternal or industrial, the sworn association with those who know not God is destructive to spiritual life.

The Liquor Traffic.—We rejoice in the marvelous progress prohibition is making in general and our state in particular. We believe the time is opportune to push the battle for nation-wide, bone-dry prohibition.

Sabbath Observance.—We insist that the physical and spiritual necessities of man demand compliance with the fourth commandment. We greatly deplore the present day tendencies to disregard God's holy day, particularly in diversions and pleasures.

Catholicism.—We have great need to be watchful and firm in our stand against this arch enemy of all that is best in our national life.

The Great War.—We believe duty demands loyalty to our flag in this great crisis and we pray that God Himself will give victory to our arms in such a way and at such a time as will bring to the world the greatest knowledge of Himself and of His Son, Jesus Christ.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE SOUTH DAKOTA CONFERENCE

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers and Evangelists	Copies of "Face Methodists" Taken	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars (Number Enrolled)	Members in Home Department	Names on Cradle Roll	Total Enrollment	General Conference (Assessed) Total Only	Foreign Missions	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Educational Fund	Raised for Sunday School Expenses
Sioux Falls District	O. E. Edwards, D. E.																
	Sioux Falls and Boyden.	35	9	44	1	8	1	10	110	10	12	142	\$ 35 00	\$	43 00	\$ 2 00	\$ 65 00
	Reisford.	23	16	39	2	9	1	12	43		17	72	18 00		178 05		52 00
	W. D. McMullen.	7	6	13		1	2	6	30			36	7 00				14 00
	C. A. Evans, sup. Winnie Ascraft, sup. Mt. Pleasant. Roscoe Ascraft. O. E. Edwards.	6 6 6 6		6		4							6 00				
Watertown District	O. E. Edwards, D. E.																
	Vienna and Watertown.	16	5	21	2	6	1	5	15		5	25	17 64	8 80	26 40		20 00
	Ortley.	25	4	29		6	1	8	55			63	26 08		49 00		34 79
	Berton and Farnsworth.	5		5		2							6 00				
Wessington Springs District	T. Donoghue, D. E.																
	Wessington Springs.	88	8	96	4	18	1	15	151	9	16	191	82 00		4 25		108 04
	Mitchell, Olivet and Wittenberg.	25	1	26	2	12	2	8	42		8	58	35 00		70 00		33 57
	Kingsbury.	28	1	30	2	10	2	14	55	24	23	116	21 00	68 40	7 02		87 59
	Woomsocket.	6		6		1							7 00				
	Bates and Virgil. Leri Pagan, supply. T. Donoghue.	49 3 3		49	2	10	1	7	40		7	54	42 00		26 50		30 25
Faulkton District	T. Donoghue, D. E.																
	Liberty, Fairview and Carlyle.	33	3	36	1	11	1	5	20			25	36 00		96 00		12 00
	Faulkton, Burkmore, Sedgwick.	17	3	20	2	5	1	5	25			30	19 00	9 00			5 50
Total.		373	56	429	18	98	14	95	586	43	88	812	\$ 367 72	\$ 86 20	\$ 920 97	\$ 2 00	\$ 462 74

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE SOUTH DAKOTA CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

CHARGE	Raised in Sunday School for Foreign Missions	Raised for Children's Fund	Raised for General Conference S. S. Board	Raised for Annual Conference Sunday School Board	Raised in Sunday School for All Other Benevolences	Total Amount Raised in Sunday School	Conference Missions	Pastors' Support	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Support	Evangelists' Support	Incidentals	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
Sioux Falls District																
Sioux Falls and Boyden.....	\$ 7 20	\$ 3 50	\$	\$	\$ 8 00	\$ 72 20	1 35	\$ 406 78	\$ 180	\$ 120 15	\$ 51 71	\$ 50 00	2	\$ 4500	3	\$ 4500
Beresford.....	2 80	.....	.....	.....	66 80	66 80	78	500 00	180	100 00	138 70	353 28	1	3000	1	1200
Wall Lake.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14 00	14 00	3 00	243 00	50	32 25	21 65	6 00	1	1500	1	1500
Mt. Pleasant.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 80	243 00	.....	25 00	.....	.....	..	..	..	..
Lake County.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	1 80	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Watertown District																
Vienna and Watertown.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	..	20 00	3 78	500 00	150	52 75	80 00	50 27	1	2000	1	1500
Berton and Farnsworth.....	..	..	..	..	..	39 79	1 80	700 00	..	82 50	58 00	73 39	1	1500	..	..
Wessington Springs District																
Wessington Springs.....	33 67	3 79	..	..	43 31	188 81	28 70	415 00	144	130 00	40 00	230 25	2	..	2	32 90
Mitchell, Olivet and Wittenberg.....	..	..	..	..	7 17	40 74	5 25	455 37	192	71 18	67 78	355 94	3	3700	12	2400
Kennebec.....	..	4 00	..	..	46 25	137 84	6 54	400 00	..	51 52	..	1307 68	1	1800	..	..
Woonsocket.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	2 45	..	..	28 75	..	..	..	..	..	1300
Bates and Virgil.....	..	6 00	..	..	11 87	48 12	8 82	250 00	..	90 35	53 00	1426 00	1	2000	1	2000
Vivian, Draper and Murdo.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 40	28 32	..	10 65	..	..	..	..	..	..
Faulton District																
Liberty, Fairview and Carlyle.....	..	..	..	..	..	12 00	7 56	350 30	..	67 55	90 00	130 54	1	2000	..	..
Faulton, Bismarck, Sedgewick.....	..	..	..	..	..	5 50	3 89	227 05	96	48 18	125 31	15 00	2	3000	1	1200
Total.....	\$ 48 67	\$17 29	\$..	\$..	\$116 60	\$ 645 30	\$ 96 12	\$ 4656 35	\$ 972	\$ 979 67	\$ 726 13	\$ 4000 35	14	\$ 24000	13	\$18700

NORTH DAKOTA CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Twentieth Annual Session, held at
Glenfield Free Methodist Church, October 10-
14, 1917

OFFICERS

W. B. OLMSTEAD, *President*

W. S. BALLENGER, *Secretary* O. E. McCracken, *Assistant Secretary*
C. F. KLEIN, *Statistical Secretary* J. P. GILL, *Auditor*
O. E. McCracken, *Railroad Secretary* W. S. BALLENGER, *Treasurer*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—W. B. Olmstead, H. G. Bachman, A. M. Bean.
On Publications—W. S. Ballenger, Mary S. Barker, Lillian G. Iorons.
On Education—C. F. Klein, Mrs. L. M. Ballenger, Anna Erickson.
On Sabbath-schools—J. P. Gill, Walter Upton, S. R. Klein.
On Charities—T. A. Doughty, W. A. Greenup, John Vodden.
On Reforms—E. P. Klein, Elton Northup, C. E. Williams.
On State of the Work—H. G. Bachman.
On Complimentary Resolutions—T. A. Doughty, Rosa C. Bachman.
To Examine Quarterly Conference Records—Mary S. Barker, Lillian G. Iorons.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

W. S. Ballenger, president; C. F. Klein, secretary and treasurer; O. E. McCracken, S. R. Klein, John Vodden.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

O. E. McCracken, president, time expires 1920; W. S. Ballenger, secretary, time expires 1919; C. F. Klein, time expires 1918.

CONFERENCE AGGRESSIVE EVANGELISTIC BOARD

W. S. Ballenger, president; C. F. Klein, secretary and treasurer; H. G. Bachman, T. A. Doughty, Edward Schuler.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

W. S. Ballenger, president, time expires 1920; W. W. Bemis, time expires 1920; C. F. Klein, time expires 1918; John Dynes, time expires 1918; J. Moran, time expires 1919.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Publications—C. F. Klein, *On Sabbath-schools*—Mary S. Barker,
On Reforms—T. A. Doughty, *On Education*—O. E. McCracken,
On Charities—B. H. Robinson, *On Resolutions*—J. P. Gill,
On State of the Work—The district elders.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

The conference ordered that the collections be taken in full during the first quarter of the conference year.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Mrs. L. M. Ballenger, president, Jamestown, North Dakota; Mrs. Edith Lewzadar, first vice-president, Valley City, North Dakota; Mrs. Lillian G. Iorons, second vice-president, Morristown, South Dakota; Mary S. Barker, corresponding and recording secretary, Morristown, South Dakota; Mrs.

Anna Warren, treasurer, Portland, North Dakota; Anna Erickson, superintendent of Junior work, 33 Third avenue, South Morehead, Minnesota; Mrs. Sarah Northup, librarian, Jamestown, North Dakota.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

H. G. Bachman.
C. F. Klein.
F. A. Reeves,
Mary S. Barker.

John Moran,
W. A. Greenup,
W. S. Ballenger.

O. E. McCracken,
T. A. Doughty,
V. D. Poole,

DELEGATES

E. M. Northup,
C. E. Williams,
Edward Schuler,
Mrs. Addie Miller,
E. W. Peavy.

John Vodden,
Iver Johnson,
Mrs. Lillian G. Jorons,
B. T. Northridge,

Anna Erickson,
S. R. Klein,
Walter Upton,
H. E. Stevens.

2. Who are the stationing committee? W. B. Olmstead, H. G. Bachman, John Vodden.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? H. A. Hurlburt, William Griffith, B. H. Robinson.

4. Who remain on trial? L. S. Eberly, J. P. Gill, E. P. Klein.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? None.

6. Who are the deacons? J. P. Gill.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? None.

8. Who have located this year? None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? John Moran, E. P. Klein.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? F. A. Reeves.

11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? H. A. Hurlburt, from the Saskatchewan conference.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? None.

13. Who have been given certificates of good standing with a view to transfer to another conference? None.

14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? Have they during the past year discharged their duties to God, themselves and one another? The name of each was called and his character passed.

15. Who have died this year? None.

16-20. See statistics.

21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? F. A. Reeves, \$30.

22, 23. See statistics.

24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Jamestown, North Dakota, not earlier than the second Wednesday in October, 1918.

APPOINTMENTS

FARGO DISTRICT—W. S. BALLENGER, District Elder, Jamestown, North Dakota

Fargo Mission.....	O. E. McCracken, 1410 1st avenue, South, Fargo, North Dakota
Valley City Mission.....	L. S. Eberly, Valley City, "
Grand Prairie.....	H. G. Bachman, Jamestown, "
Jamestown.....	Mrs. Belle Marriott, supply, Jamestown, "
Courtenay and Glenfield.....	J. P. Gill, Courtenay, "
McClusky.....	To be supplied

Grimes Schoolhouse and Wing.....	Mrs. Mary P. Grimes, supply, McClusky, North Dakota
Deering.....	C. F. Klein, Deering, "
Crary and Doyon.....	Edward W. Withnell, supply, Tolna, "
Cedar Creek.....	Mrs. Mary S. Barker, supply, Morristown, South Dakota
Gardner.....	To be supplied
Cathay.....	To be supplied

F. A. Reeves, superannuated; T. A. Doughty, district superintendent of the Children's Home Finding Society; E. P. Klein, supernumerary; E. A. Smith, discontinued from the traveling connection, church membership fixed at Ray, North Dakota; W. S. Ballenger, member of the Fargo district quarterly conference; William Griffith, evangelist, Ellendale, North Dakota.

MONTANA DISTRICT—W. S. BALLENGER, District Elder

Palermo.....	To be supplied
Ray.....	To be supplied
Three Buttes and Lambert.....	B. H. Robertson, Lambert, Montana
Hamblin.....	W. A. Greenup, Hamblin, "
Sand Creek.....	Arthur Upton, supply
Dale View.....	H. A. Hurlburt, Dale View, Montana
Skaar.....	To be supplied
McKenzie County Mission.....	V. D. Poole, Charlson, North Dakota

John Moran, supernumerary.

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL MISSIONS—Apportioned and paid, \$35.55.
 CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS—Apportioned and paid, \$118.50.
 BISHOPS' SALARIES—Apportioned and paid, \$42.66.
 CHURCH EXTENSION—Apportioned and paid, \$23.70.
 PERMANENT FUND—Apportioned and paid, \$11.85.
 ENTERTAINMENT FUND—Apportioned and paid, \$4.74.
 W. F. M. S.—\$543.45.

LOCAL ELDERS

Edward Schuler, A. J. Hover.

DEACONESSES

Lilly McConkey, Edith Lewzader.

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Mrs. L. M. Ballenger, Jamestown, Mrs. Mary S. Barker, Morristown,
 North Dakota South Dakota
 Mrs. Laura Greenup, Hamblin, Montana

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON EDUCATION

In the civilization and Christianization of heathen lands we must acknowledge the material aid of the public school. Throughout the warp and woof of the higher civic life we must admit the valuable asset of the public school system. And while we do not approve of the wholesale denunciation of the public school system as is hurled from the Catholic church, yet we deplore

the fact that in some places the moral tone of the free character in our free schools is such as to contaminate and corrupt the minds and hearts of the pure. From results obtained in the past we feel assured that it is God's better plan that schools with higher aims and purer life be instituted. We gratefully record that nine such schools are maintained within our church. These schools are thoroughly Christian and with good discipline. They are well organized along standard lines of education. Especially do we recommend the patronage, the financial support and earnest prayer for the noble school and junior college at Wessington Springs.

II.—ON PUBLICATIONS

To publish is to make known and it is necessary we do this with good literature that is abroad in the land, when the enemies of the cross are so busy spreading the injurious everywhere. The course of many a life has been changed by reading some good book or tract, while many lives have been blasted for time and eternity by pernicious publications. Many thinking men have said that the press is doing more to mold the character of individual and national life than any other force operating in the world to-day.

The church is blessed with competent and worthy authors and has a literature peculiar to its own. The Bible has inspired the writing of more good books than any other book in existence. "Give attention to reading," Paul wrote to Timothy, and those who follow this advice reap rich rewards. Our own church paper is unsurpassed and should be in every Free Methodist home. It ought to have a much larger circulation among our people. Also our Sunday-school and missionary publications rank among the best and ought to be used exclusively.

The books we issue are always helpful and interesting. The place to purchase is at our own Publishing House, because of the excellence of the product handled. Few equal us in this respect and we know of none who excel us. In so doing you help to enlarge the superannuate fund. A worthier fund was never collected. Fifteen per cent of the net income is paid to this fund by order of the late general conference. Then it is our own Publishing House. We are thankful for it and invoke God's blessing upon this feature of our denominational work.

III.—ON REFORMS

According to Webster, reform means to change from worse to better. This meaning covers a very large field and we can cover but a few of the most common ones.

As a church we are pledged to support all reform movements that are put forth for the betterment of humanity and the advancement of the kingdom of Christ.

Reform does not necessarily mean to convert or be converted, but conversion does mean an entire reformation. As one of the most common evils which calls loudly for reformation let us consider the

Liquor Traffic.—This traffic is a destroyer of the happiness and best interests of the nation, home and individual. As the shark is called the great sea monster and man eater, so liquor is the great land monster, home and man eater. A brewer once asked a New York judge if he had tried his latest brand of whisky. "No," replied the judge, "but I've just tried two men who had." History tells us that at the age of thirty Alexander the Great conquered the known world, and that three years later rum conquered him. Congress has recently prohibited the manufacture of whisky until the war is over. Let us hope and pray that it may be stopped for ever!

Perhaps one of the most common evils which we have to deal with is "Social Extravagance." Those who follow the events which are transpiring in our large cities and a great many of the smaller ones can not fail to notice

the resemblance between the present day and the days of Rome under the rule of the Cæsars.

Thousands of dollars are spent on luxuries each day, while thousands of poverty-stricken people are passing from this life into the great beyond, purely from the lack of food and raiment. An occurrence of not many weeks ago easily verifies this statement. A rich man in New York gave an elaborate banquet for his friends which cost half a million dollars. While these pleasure-seeking people reveled in pleasure with their appetites more than satisfied, two little children not two blocks from the hall died for lack of food.

Money is a necessity in society and is invariably used in excess and is perhaps after all one of the most menacing features of society. For example, the young man who moves in the upper classes as a highly respected gentleman may be a villain who on account of his money has escaped punishment. He moves constantly among the fairest of ladies and seeks the hand of the fair and innocent girl who is as fresh and pure as the dew. See how lightly men and women regard the nuptial ties, "seeking their soul mates"! The sanctity of matrimony is almost forgotten in these licentious times. Beneath the surface of what is termed society to-day is hidden the satanic form of lust and shame. Evils, like everything else, do not come singly, for closely bordering on to the many evils of social life follow the negligence and desecration of God's holy day. Sabbath desecration is increasing every year, and now the true bride of Christ longs for the old colonial days when the Sabbath was kept holy. We often see in our midst a marked disregard for God's day.

Let us repair the broken walls and be careful that all pleasure-seeking on the Lord's day is laid aside. Let us therefore "remove not the ancient landmark which our fathers have set."

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE NORTH DAKOTA CONFERENCE

CHARGE	PREACHER	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers and Evangelists	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars (Number Enrolled)	Members in Home Department	Names on Cradle Roll	Total Enrollment	General Conference (Assessed Claims) Total Only	Foreign Missions	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Educational Fund	Raised for Sun- day School Expenses
Fargo District																	
Fargo	H. G. Bachman, D. E.	33	...	33	2	9	1	7	70	...	...	77	\$ 32 00	\$	\$ 48 18	\$	\$ 77 83
Jamestown	O. E. McCracken....	28	1	29	4	5	1	7	26	...	...	33	28 50	24 92	64 63	...	40 20
Valley City	Mrs. L. M. Ballenger, supply	25	6	31	1	5	1	5	38	...	...	40	15 00	33 00	53 00	...	33 15
Courtenay and Glendell	L. S. Eberly	11	2	13	1	1	1	3	13	...	...	18	15 00	...	48 59	...	9 00
Grady and Doyon	A. M. Bean, supply ..	13	...	13	1	1	1	1	20	...	...	23	12 00	...	...	...	8 60
Grady and Prairie	John Kinder, supply ..	12	...	12	1	3	1	4	20	...	...	23	12 00	...	...	...	7 30
Deering	Rosa C. Bachman, sup.	12	...	12	2	2	1	3	34	...	...	38	10 00	35 00	16 48	...	40 50
Wing and Grimes Schoolhouse ..	J. P. Gill	22	2	24	2	2	1	3	34	...	...	38	20 00	...	5 00	...	27 80
McClusky	E. P. Klein	15	2	17	13	7	4	5	20	...	...	25	20 00	38 95	93 95	5 00	8 97
Cedar Creek	H. G. Bachman	16	2	18	5	2	1	7	...	...	...	7	5 00	...	...	...	...
Cathay	Mary S. Barker, sup.	5	1	6	5	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	5 00	...	...	...	...
Gardner	H. G. Bachman	7	...	7	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	5 00	...	...	...	...
Missouri River District																	
Palermo and Ray	H. G. Bachman, D. E.	15	...	15	...	5	5	...	...	...	...	...	20 00	...	...	...	...
Skaud	H. G. Bachman	4	...	4	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	6 51	...	...	...	...
Dale View	H. A. Hariburt	8	2	10	4	1	1	4	23	...	...	27	18 00	...	17 10	...	16 00
Lambert and Three Buttes	B. H. Robinson	22	8	30	4	8	1	5	40	...	...	45	18 00	...	...	...	21 88
Total .....	...	225	24	249	17	72	11	64	343	12	17	436	\$ 232 01	\$ 218 87	\$ 349 93	\$ 5 00	\$ 291 03

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE NORTH DAKOTA CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

CHARGE	Raised in Sunday School for Foreign Missions	Raised for Children's Fund	Raised for General Conference S. S. Board	Raised for Annual Conference Sunday School Board	Raised in Sunday School for All Other Benevolences	Total Amount Raised in Sunday School	Conference Missions	Pastors' Support	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Support	Evangelists' Support	Incidentals	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
Fargo District																
Fargo	\$ 33 32	\$ 4 50	\$	\$	\$ 10 00	\$ 125 65	\$	\$ 2129 30	\$	\$ 118 75	\$ 122 75	\$ 710 52	1	\$ 8000	1	\$ 1800
Janestown						40 20		535 12	120	69 50	37 10	93 98	1	2500	1	1500
Valley City						33 15		537 27		61 56	65 00	231 00	2	3000	1	800
Courtenay and Glenfield						39 00		446 49		138 59						
Craty and Doyon						8 60		30 74		68 63	124 80	8 07	1	1000	1	400
Grand Prairie						7 30		109 19		87 35		233 50	1	1000	1	400
Deering	2 62	2 62				45 44		500 00	60	78 10	56 00	25 00	1	1400	1	400
Wing and Grimes Schoolhouse						27 90		185 70		50 08		4 80				
McClusky										39 00						
Cedar Creek						8 97		70 00		38 35	1 50	1 70				
Cathay										8 35	29 00		1	400	1	400
Gardner										22 00						
Missouri River District																
Paterno and Ray								5 00		35 15						
Skaar View						16 00		275 02	101	41 25	12 20				1	500
Lambert and Three Buttes	5 48					27 36		300 00		65 04	33 00	25 00				
Total	\$ 41 42	\$ 7 12	\$	\$	\$ 10 00	\$ 349 57	\$	\$ 5123 80	\$ 281	\$ 956 81	\$ 481 35	\$1453 57	7	\$ 16300	6	\$ 4300

COLORADO CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Thirty-second Annual Session,
held at Denver, Colorado, August 1-4, 1917

OFFICERS

ALEXANDER BEERS, *President*
FRANK DUPEE, *Secretary* GEORGE B. MUNNS, *Assistant Secretary*
JAMES HARVEY, *Statistical Secretary* EDWIN G. KERBY, *Treasurer*

COMMITTEES

On Public Worship—Alexander Beers, F. I. Waters, G. H. Behner, F. F. Stewart, J. W. Glazier.
On State of the Work—George H. Behner, F. I. Waters, F. F. Stewart.
On Publications—Hattie J. Handyside, Eunice Fuhrman, Sarah Knapp.
On Reforms—James Harvey, G. A. Loomis, Lina West.
On Publishing the Minutes—The secretaries.
On Collecting Funds to Publish the Minutes—G. B. Lane.
On Sunday-schools—F. F. Stewart, M. V. Whetzel, John Jones.
On Examining Quarterly Conference Records—James Vernon, Carrie Harris.
On Charities—G. W. Yoder, J. W. Glazier, Fred Elofsen.
On Education—Edwin G. Kerby, Hattie J. Handyside, W. M. Dickson.
On Complimentary Resolutions—J. I. Council, James Vernon.
On Aggressive Evangelism—A. G. Galbraith, W. B. Kerby, J. R. Poet.
On Railroad Transportation—George H. Behner.
On Auditing Accounts—J. I. Council, H. A. West.
On Claimants and Claims—G. H. Behner, F. F. Stewart, Isabel Fuhrman, H. A. West.
On Nominations—F. I. Waters, G. H. Behner, F. F. Stewart, J. H. Harvey, A. G. Galbraith.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR

On Education—F. F. Stewart, *On Reforms*—F. I. Waters,
On Sunday-schools—James Harvey, *On Charities*—George B. Munns,
On Publications—J. I. Council.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

F. I. Waters, G. H. Behner, H. A. West, F. F. Stewart, John Jones.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION AND AID SOCIETY

G. H. Behner, W. B. Kerby, J. I. Council, W. M. Dickson, Sarah Knapp.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COURSE OF STUDY

F. I. Waters, president; Frank DuPee, secretary; George Behner, F. F. Stewart, time expires 1919, 1918, 1918 and 1918 respectively.

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTIC BOARD

For Denver district, J. W. Glazier, Edwin G. Kerby, and the pastor at Boulder;
for Pueblo district, A. G. Galbraith, J. R. Poet, A. Amspoker; *for San Juan district*, J. S. Helton, Anna Boyle, Otis Keltcher.

CONFERENCE TREASURER

Edwin G. Kerby, 231 Cheyenne avenue, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

CONFERENCE SUNDAY-SCHOOL SECRETARIES

For Denver district, Elizabeth M. Hartley, Denver, Colorado; *for Pueblo dis-*

trict, Hattie J. Handyside, Pueblo, Colorado; for San Juan district, Anna Boyle, Durango, Colorado; for Grand Junction district, Anna Stevens, Olathe, Colorado.

ORDER OF COLLECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

First quarter, Conference Missions (50 cents), each district to use the amount raised for missionary work on its respective district, ten cents per member of the above to be used for the entertainment of the annual conference; second quarter, General Missions, Church Extension, Permanent Fund; third quarter, Bishops' Salaries, Entertainment of General Conference Delegates; fourth quarter, Conference Claimants.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

President, Mrs. Elizabeth M. Hartley, 970 S. Logan street, Denver, Colorado; first vice-president, Hattie Handyside, 29 Block W, Pueblo, Colorado; secretary, Claris Kerby, Colorado Springs, Colorado; treasurer, Marie Johnson, 443 Santa Fe drive, Denver, Colorado.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. What are the names of the preachers and delegates having a seat in this conference?

PREACHERS

J. I. Council,
G. A. Loomis,
J. W. Glazier,
J. R. Poet,
Frank DuPee,
Hattie Handyside,
James Vernon,
F. F. Stewart,

G. B. Lane,
W. B. Kerby,
A. G. Galbraith,
G. W. Yoder,
J. F. Walker,
Albert Stevens,
James Harvey,
W. W. Loomis.

George H. Behner,
F. I. Waters,
Edwin G. Kerby,
G. B. Munns,
W. H. C. Folsom,
M. V. Whetzell,
W. O. Newell,

DELEGATES

Mrs. James Vernon,
Sarah Knapp,
W. M. Dixon,
Homer A. West,
Thomas A. Walker,
Mrs. J. D. Herndon,

Eunice Fuhrman,
Lina West,
Della Hornbeck,
John Jones,
Edna Jones,
J. S. Helton.

G. W. Newell,
Carrie Harris,
W. T. Greer,
Fred Elofsen,
Isabel Fuhrman,

2. Who are the stationing committee? Alexander Beers, George H. Behner, F. F. Stewart, F. I. Waters, H. A. West, Lina West, Isabel Fuhrman.

3. What preachers are admitted on trial? Anna May Belcher, Roy Church, W. W. LaRue.

4. Who remain on trial? Otis Keltcher, C. A. Anderson, Ward Folsom, Nels Magnusen, William Granning, G. E. Martin, J. N. Mellinger.

5. Who are admitted into full connection? None.

6. Who are the deacons? James Vernon, W. H. C. Folsom, Jr., Hattie J. Handyside, W. O. Newell, M. V. Whetzell.

7. Who have been elected and ordained elders this year? F. E. Carmack was ordained a local elder.

8. Who have located this year? None.

9. Who are the supernumerary preachers? A. G. Galbraith, Albert Stevens, W. W. Loomis, G. A. Loomis, M. V. Whetzell, G. W. Yoder, W. H. C. Folsom, W. W. LaRue, James Harvey, J. F. Walker.

10. Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers? J. R. Poet, J. I. Council.

11. Who have been received by transfer, and from what conference? J. W. Cox, from the Oklahoma conference.

12. Who have withdrawn from the conference this year? W. W. Jellison, J. H. Higgins, from the conference and church under censure.
13. Who have been given certificates of standing with a view to transfer? E. R. Langworthy, deacon, to the Minnesota conference.
14. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation? The name of each was called and his character passed, save two.
- 16-20. See statistics.
21. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? J. I. Council, \$150.
24. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.
25. Where and when shall our next conference be held? At Grand Junction, Colorado, as near the first Wednesday in August, 1918, as will suit the presiding officer.

APPOINTMENTS

DENVER DISTRICT—GEORGE H. BEHNER, District Elder, Longmont, Colorado

Denver.....J. W. Glazier, corner Fox street and 1st avenue, Denver, Colorado
 Colorado SpringsF. I. Waters, 231 Cheyenne avenue, Colorado Springs, "
 Colorado Springs, West End Church.....Anna Mae Belcher, supply, Colorado Springs, "
 Boulder.....Frank DuPee, 2235 Spruce street, Boulder, "
 Longmont.....Mrs. Emma Behner, supply
 Loveland.....To be supplied
 Evans and Greeley.....Orvil Howell, supply, Evans, Colorado
 Ellicot and Bracket Creek.....W. W. Loomis
 Eagle Bluff.....Nels Magnusen
 Dillingham.....W. B. Kerby
 Rush.....J. N. Mellinger, supply
 Durham.....I. A. Huddle, supply
 Aroya.....To be supplied
 Woodland Park.....Hannah Hazen, supply
 Bennett Schoolhouse.....James Vernon

J. F. Walker, supernumerary; J. I. Council, superannuated with claim of \$150.

PUEBLO DISTRICT—EDWIN G. KERBY, District Elder, 231 Cheyenne avenue, Colorado Springs, Colorado

Pueblo.....Hattie J. Handyside, 29 Block W, Pueblo, Colorado
 Fountain* and Turkey Creek.....George B. Lane, Fountain, "
 Canon City.....A. Amspoker, supply
 Brewster.....C. A. Anderson
 Howard and Wet Mountain Valley...Wade Folsom, supply, Howard, Colorado
 Salida.....G. A. Loomis, Salida, "
 Sheridan Lake.....Orvill Newell
 LaJunta and Manzanola.....To be supplied
 Trinidad.....To be supplied
 Lamar.....To be supplied

A. G. Galbraith, M. V. Whetzell, supernumerary; J. R. Poet, superannuated without claim; G. E. Martin, left without appointment to attend school at McPherson; Loretta Thomas, discontinued from the conference at her own request; W. W. Jellison, J. H. Higgins, withdrawn from the conference and church under censure; E. R. Langworthy, granted certificate of standing with view to transfer to Minnesota conference; W. W. Larne, James Harvey, supernumerary.

GRAND JUNCTION DISTRICT—EDWIN G. KERBY, District Elder

Grand Junction.....George B. Munns
 Montrose.....Ward Folsom, Lila Folsom, supply
 Ridgeway.....To be supplied
 Albert Stevens, supernumerary.

SAN JUAN DISTRICT—F. F. STEWART, District Elder, 663 Seventh avenue, Durango, Colorado

Durango.....Lizzie D. Stewart, supply
 Farmington and Laplata.....J. W. Cox, Farmington, Colorado
 Bayfield and Pagosa Springs.....
G. A. Worthington, Cora Worthington, supplies, Bayfield, "
 Oxford and Ignatio.....To be supplied
 Mancos and Pinewood.....Roy Church, supply
 Vanadium and Saw Pit.....George Clark, supply
 Flora Vista.....Frank E. Carmack, supply
 Red Mesa and Hay Gulch.....Mert C. Stewart, supply
 Florida.....Worthy Myers, supply
 Animas City and Trimble.....To be supplied
 San Luis Valley.....To be supplied
 G. W. Yoder, W. H. C. Folsom, supernumerary.

MISCELLANEOUS

The thirty-second session of the Colorado annual conference was held at Rocky Mountain Lake Park, Denver, in connection with a camp meeting, and closed August 5, 1917. In the absence of Bishop Sellew, Rev. Alexander Beers was appointed to preside in his stead. Brother Beers came to us with the fulness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ and his sweet Christian spirit, wise counsels and powerful preaching were greatly enjoyed by the conference. The camp meeting and conference were characterized by a remarkable outpouring of the Holy Spirit and a goodly number were saved and sanctified. Rev. J. S. MacGeary, our general missionary secretary, was with us and gave a very helpful missionary address on China on Sabbath afternoon, after which an offering in cash and subscriptions was taken amounting to \$500. Brother Frank E. Carmack was ordained a local elder by the president Sunday evening.

LOCAL DEACONS

T. E. Clegg.....Denver, Colorado J. T. Strome.....Clifton, Colorado
 William Greeno...Englewood, " J. W. Cox

LOCAL ELDERS

S. H. Hightower, Canon City, Colorado Frank E. Carmack, Flora Vista, New
 Curtis LumEllicott, " Mexico
 J. E. Outland....Yampa, Colorado

CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Mrs. Emma Behner, Longmont, Colo- Carrie Harris.....Pueblo, Colorado
 rado Lizzie D. Stewart..Durango, "
 Elizabeth Hartley....Denver, Colorado Anna Stevens.....Olathe, "
 Lila Folsom....Montrose, Colorado

LOCAL PREACHERS

N. M. Perry.....DeNora, Colorado	B. L. Calhoun.....Pueblo, Colorado
J. H. Davis.....DeNora, "	Wade Folsom.....Howard, "
Homer West, Colorado Springs, Colorado	R. C. Salyer.....Durango, "
John Welker.....Boulder, Colorado	Josiah Sinclair, Flora Vista, New Mexico
Henry Jones, Colorado Springs, Colorado	Worthy Meyers....Durango, Colorado
G. W. Webb.....Denver, Colorado	Benjamin Glazier...Denver, "
Thomas Walker....Florence, "	Richard Poet...Canon City, "
L. H. Sutphin.....Lamar, "	Arthur Potter, Farmington, New Mexico
W. O. Moyer....Sheridan Lake, Colorado	

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE EVANGELISTS

Alice Lindsey .....Denver, Colorado	Margaret Pruitt, Espanola, New Mexico
Elizabeth Ewer.....Denver, "	Julia Harris.....McPherson, Kansas
Bessie O'Mally, Colorado Springs, Colorado	Lila West .....Pueblo, "
Hannah Hazen, Colorado Springs, Colorado	Josephine Shively....Salida, "
Miriam Anderson, Canon City, Colorado	Stella Martin.....McPherson, Kansas
Evelyn Hutton....Durango, Colorado	Catherine Worrall..Bayfield, Colorado
	Mary Trimble..Hazel Green, Kentucky

TREASURER'S REPORT

PAID 1915-16 DEFICIT, \$47.15.
 PAID TOTAL ASSESSMENT 1916-17, \$488.00.
 SUPERANNUATE FUND—\$117.50.
 FOREIGN MISSIONS—\$5.00.
 CHILDREN'S FUND—\$6.08.
 PUBLISHING THE MINUTES—\$32.35.
 WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY—\$748.65.
 TOTAL, \$1,444.73.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

I.—ON PUBLICATIONS

It is a recognized fact by thinking men that the press is doubtless exerting a greater influence in the world either for good or evil than any other human agency. Through it knowledge is disseminated, public opinion controlled, character formed, morals affected and spirituality conserved and promoted or blighted and destroyed.

As a denomination our estimation of the importance of this potent factor in promoting the extension of Christ's kingdom, the welfare of the church and the betterment of mankind is manifest in a practical way. Our fine Publishing House, with its capable management, is a credit to the church. Through it is provided a supply of literature that is, we believe, second to none of its class. Among the many instructive and inspiring books supplied are found those written by authors of our own denomination, persons of marked literary ability, deep spirituality and a comprehensive knowledge of the subjects treated. These especially should be read by our people.

We can hardly present too strongly the importance of our most excellent church paper, the *Free Methodist*, being a weekly visitor to each Free Methodist home. None can be a really intelligent Free Methodist without this

source of information and we are convinced none will substitute other religious papers, although they may contain much that is good, without serious loss. The pastor who makes no effort to instruct his people along these lines certainly fails in his duty.

Our Sunday-school literature is of a high order, quite in contrast with the sensational matter found in the Sunday-schools of to-day. By all means it should be used in Free Methodist Sunday-schools and may properly be recommended to union Sunday-schools. Our missionary literature, under the management of the W. F. M. S., is also deserving of special mention. In the language of another we may say, "*The Missionary Tidings* is a constant medium of communication between the home church and our foreign fields." How one can be intelligent in work without taking the *Missionary Tidings* is a problem we can not solve. Having this wealth of choice literature within reach, the responsibility is on the rank and file of the church to make it the factor for good that it should be by subscribing for, reading, recommending and in every way extending the circulation of the same. Certainly the church should be as diligent, earnest and persevering as are the propagators of soul-destroying doctrines, such as Russellism, Christian Science and Mormonism.

In these strenuous times, when to the most of us rigid economy is necessary to subsist and make ends meet, we should see to it that we do not retrench along wrong lines, but give to the mind and soul necessary and available supplies.

II.—ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS

We believe with others that the Sunday-school is the nursery of the church; an institution that was raised up of God for the perpetuation of religious truth. It was commanded of Israel, "These words shall be in thine heart, and thou shalt teach them diligently to thy children." Abraham enjoyed blessed privileges in being allowed to know the purposes of God and God gave as a reason for these things to him, "For I know him that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord." This is the exact field of the Sunday-school. With the great apostle we would exhort our teachers to "teach the Word." In so doing thorough preparation on the part of the teacher is indispensable. The teacher training course as outlined by our general Sunday-school board is, we believe, the foundation upon which our teachers for the future should be reared. A good teacher must be studious and filled with spiritual truth and not given to light and frivolous remarks. In this commercial and materialistic age we ought to place much emphasis on the necessity of separation from the world and consecration to God. The superintendent also should be alive and tactful and not allow the school to get into a rut of sameness or monotony. He should be able to know the mind of the Spirit, and by slight changes in the conduct of the school keep the scholars expectant and interested.

As a further help we would recommend that our schools adopt the helps that are furnished by our Publishing House, such as charts, maps, blackboards, Sunday-school standard and cradle roll. Above all let us impress upon our children the absolute necessity of an experimental knowledge of sins forgiven and of a heart cleansed from all sin.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE COLORADO CONFERENCE

CHARGE	PREACHER										Educational Fund									
	Members	Probationers	Total	Local Preachers and Evangelists	Copies of "Free Methodist" Taken	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars (Number Enrolled)	Members in Home Department	Names on Cradle Roll	Total Enrollment	General Conference (Assessed Claims) Total Only	Foreign Missions	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Educational Fund	Raised for Sunday School Expenses				
Denver District																				
Denver	93	8	101	5	25	1	9	100	12	26	147	\$ 100 00	\$ 6 70	\$ 190 35	\$	\$ 113 20				
Colorado Springs	40	9	49	3	10	1	10	54	34	16	76	40 00	4 00	58 82	24 70	24 70				
Colorado Springs (West End)	12	1	13	3	6	1	17	34	2	8	48	30 00	4 00	6 05	24 30	24 30				
Boulder	24	4	28	2	7	1	10	47	1	3	57	25 00	4 00	56 90	34 46	34 46				
Longmont and Loveland	20	2	22	1	3	2	10	45	3	5	110 00	110 00	5 21	29 40	30 03	30 03				
Evans and Beebe Draw	21	6	27	1	4	1	6	35	3	12	56	22 00	5 00	29 40	30 53	30 53				
Woodland Park	7	1	8	1	4	1	1	6	3	12	56	22 00	5 00	29 40	30 53	30 53				
Ellicott and Bracket Creek	12	12	24	7	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	4 50	4 50	1	1	1				
Keyser and Aroya	4	4	8	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
Durham	6	6	12	6	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
Dillingham	6	6	12	6	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
Pueblo District																				
Pueblo	30	3	33	1	8	1	6	25	25	31	31	35 20	41 25	17 50	13 00	28 37				
Fountain	19	1	20	2	5	2	4	20	20	24	24	20 62	24	24	10 86	10 86				
Howard and Salida	19	1	20	2	4	2	12	150	30	30	192	19 00	25	17 50	68 00	68 00				
Montrose	18	2	20	1	6	1	5	20	1	3	25	25 30	25	25	23 00	23 00				
Wiley and Lamar	6	1	7	1	2	1	4	13	3	19	19	10 60	10 60	15 00	15 00	15 00				
Grand Junction	8	1	9	1	2	1	4	13	3	34	34	40 60	40 60	34 12	10 45	10 45				
Canon City	40	4	44	2	2	1	8	40	6	10	64	40 60	40 60	34 12	29 61	29 61				
Trinidad	2	2	4	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	13 00	13 00	13 00	13 00	13 00				
La Junta	8	11	19	1	2	1	1	10	1	10	10	5 00	5 00	1 10	1 10	1 10				
Sheridan Lake	9	9	18	4	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1 10	1 10	1 10	1 10	1 10				
Wet Mountain Valley	4	4	8	4	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1 10	1 10	1 10	1 10	1 10				
San Juan District																				
Durango and Florida	37	17	54	7	9	2	9	80	89	89	89	39 00	39 00	15 00	45 00	45 00				
Bayfield and Oxford	10	6	16	1	5	2	3	20	23	23	23	20 00	20 00	15 00	9 10	9 10				
Farmington and Flora Vista	14	1	15	1	3	2	10	51	61	61	61	6 00	6 00	10 30	10 30	10 30				
Manitou and Pinewood	2	2	4	1	1	2	6	40	46	46	46	12 00	12 00	30 00	30 00	30 00				
Ridgway	8	2	10	1	3	2	8	60	60	60	60	3 15	3 15	1 00	30 00	30 00				
La Plata and Red Mesa	8	2	10	1	3	2	8	40	46	46	46	3 15	3 15	1 00	30 00	30 00				
Vanadrum and Sawpit	8	2	10	1	3	2	8	40	46	46	46	3 15	3 15	1 00	30 00	30 00				
Total	473	70	543	29	113	29	131	912	23	97	1163	\$ 560 07	\$ 54 16	\$ 408 14	\$	\$ 579 91				

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE COLORADO CONFERENCE—CONTINUED

CHARGE	Raised in Sunday School for Foreign Missions	Raised for Children's Fund	Raised for General Conference S. S. Board	Raised for Annual Conference Sunday School Board	Raised in Sunday School for All Other Benevolences	Total Amount Raised in Sunday School	Conferences Missions	Pastors' Support	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Support	Evangelists' Support	Incidentals	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parsonage Property
Denver District																
Denver	8 52	2 00	4 52	27 00	113 20	20 00	805 00	150 00	96 00	73 00	122 13	886 41	1	7000	1	800
Colorado Springs	16 75			4 85	60 22	20 00	514 23	73 00	96 00	18 00	10 50	820 99	1	2000	1	500
Colorado Springs (West End)	9 94				44 40	12 50	37 00	18 00	5 00	48 87	10 58	233 14	1	2000	1	500
Boulder					45 40	12 50	302 00	18 00	5 00	48 87	61 40	481 14	1	2000	1	500
Longmont and Loveland					30 03		113 27	28 90	80 00	28 90	25 00	278 28	2	2400	1	600
Evans and Beebe Draw	2 35	1 00		17 00	50 88	13 50	244 73	30 00		30 00	25 00	400 63	1	800	1	75
Woodland Park					7 10		9 25	15 80		15 80		400 63	1	175	1	75
Ellicott and Bracket Creek					8 00		109 50	46 94		46 94						
Keyser and Aroya																
Durham																
Dillingham																
Camp meeting, etc.								25 00		25 00	10 00					
Pueblo District																
Pueblo		2 00		2 50	32 87	12 80	476 18	55 00		55 00	74 00	676 13	1	1000	1	500
Fountain					18 86		225 47	40 68		40 68		359 33	1	1000	1	800
Howard and Salida					68 00	7 50	380 00	56 45	72 00	56 45		163 75	2	1800	1	1000
Montrose		3 70			27 00	5 35	270 65	62 20	72 00	62 20	19 50	458 80	1	600	1	500
Wiley and Lamar					15 00		52 60									
Canon Junction					28 70		82 60									
Canon City		3 08		6 88	10 45	20 00	110 00	39 80	20 00	39 80		327 50	1	3000	1	3000
Trinidad					39 87		443 40	87 41		87 41		630 81	1			
La Junta					13 00	1 30	50 00	50 00		50 00		162 87				
Sheridan Lake						50 00	125 00									
Wet Mountain Valley								21 13		21 13						
San Juan District																
Durango and Florida				49 11	94 11	19 50	412 00	295 26		295 26	92 00	570 85	1	1500	1	500
Bayfield and Oxford				10 60	19 70	2 00	160 00	72 00		72 00	23 80	215 23	1	750	1	500
Farmington and Flora Vista					30 00	50 00	78 78				5 50	106 53		2000		
Mancos and Pinewood					30 00		71 50	21 53		21 53						
Ridgway					30 00	1 50	333 65	36 85		36 85	40 85	427 75				
La Plata and Red Mesa								25 25		25 25						
Vanadium and Sawpit								46 90		46 90	59 40					
Camp meeting, etc.																
Total	\$ 97 56	\$ 9 78	\$ 4 52	\$ 125 94	\$ 753 10	\$ 120 15	\$ 5513 21	\$ 1358 02	\$ 345	\$ 1358 02	\$ 580 66	\$ 6098 16	17	\$ 28325	9	\$ 5075

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

**ALSO PROCEEDINGS OF
THE ANNUAL MEETINGS
1917**

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Alberta	151	35	186	14	66	15	64	362	11	16	426	\$ 138	\$ 70	\$ 480	\$ 10	\$ 73	\$ 30	\$ 270	\$ 10	\$ 13
Arkansas & So. Missouri	108	14	122	23	93	14	95	585	12	16	648	431	00	64	632	45	68	04	6	2
California	414	39	453	33	93	14	95	585	92	71	848	431	00	64	632	45	68	04	6	2
Central Illinois	1715	147	1862	72	293	53	141	2892	263	403	3969	1704	80	278	33	1081	25	1909	39	72
Colorado	473	70	543	39	113	25	131	912	23	97	1163	560	07	54	408	14	579	91	37	56
Columbia River	566	71	637	36	160	25	159	1201	54	117	1331	550	87	110	68	647	07	37	56	9
East Michigan	261	183	444	72	380	87	634	3755	166	166	4613	2127	91	576	25	2081	60	2165	92	84
East Ontario	868	142	1010	51	197	40	222	1465	66	65	1818	851	70	104	60	1414	63	870	91	46
East Texas	184	24	208	5	44	12	62	430	66	35	492	167	40	7	35	2238	83	142	3	85
Genesee	1650	257	1907	90	409	49	399	2190	608	372	3567	1694	11	99	92	2	1737	21	532	62
Georgia and Florida	196	45	241	16	54	10	71	490	25	9	505	195	52	74	50	239	43	299	33	87
Illinois	1072	150	1222	39	289	39	289	2016	487	384	3210	1090	89	361	96	57	1987	36	38	21
Iowa	766	105	871	36	177	25	186	1187	139	169	1356	801	00	37	78	94	16	823	74	44
Kansas	956	167	1123	18	298	34	293	1813	192	379	2679	2002	31	545	14	14	18	99	59	75
Kentucky and Tennessee	280	28	308	11	32	12	24	435	345	305	399	197	10	308	82	14	18	99	59	75
Louisiana	224	13	237	11	36	12	24	435	345	305	399	197	10	308	82	14	18	99	59	75
Michigan	1275	137	1412	40	345	39	311	1884	135	305	2635	1295	89	639	65	1737	95	114	26	21
Minnesota and No. Iowa	322	61	383	11	110	18	91	684	80	84	839	322	00	181	21	812	77	69	55	38
Missouri	248	14	262	7	54	15	81	450	30	33	594	238	81	19	05	1	561	42	8	95
Nebraska	274	30	304	17	79	13	95	443	20	38	596	271	68	104	47	95	364	97	13	01
New York	1253	207	1460	17	266	45	300	1729	202	157	2388	1275	80	19	84	2206	67	19	73	4
North Dakota	225	24	249	17	72	11	64	343	12	17	436	232	01	218	87	349	93	5	0	12
North Michigan	1852	215	2067	72	442	86	538	2800	25	37	3400	1825	35	1117	59	340	89	21	1	7
North Minnesota	313	47	360	9	74	13	96	568	30	130	825	293	99	34	00	243	31	10	0	12
Ohio	1285	139	1424	46	352	66	415	2979	91	198	3883	1402	05	518	04	233	30	152	88	38
Oil City	2096	308	2404	68	469	90	578	3721	355	434	5088	2183	12	641	90	4739	93	3020	39	43
Oklahoma	864	78	942	33	228	30	197	1253	85	141	1636	824	62	116	25	439	49	800	50	82
Oregon	133	13	146	10	33	13	24	136	136	136	272	46	68	64	68	619	43	58	91	30
Pittsburgh	1684	300	1984	81	373	79	463	4463	424	1063	6697	3747	60	37	00	7127	98	5937	38	30
Platte River	244	48	292	16	98	16	81	562	28	76	747	237	25	67	36	1078	28	497	51	03
Saskatchewan	373	56	429	18	98	14	95	556	43	88	812	367	72	86	20	920	97	462	74	03
So. Africa (see For. Mss.)	1149	164	1313	58	246	27	290	1676	144	263	2373	1152	96	27	25	3634	27	1523	32	17
Southern California	133	16	149	7	30	7	46	208	11	11	277	127	45	23	35	3	152	32	28	63
Southern Oregon	1435	231	1666	66	318	52	350	2023	161	198	2732	1574	69	180	02	3353	36	147	74	12
Susquehanna	373	24	397	38	49	13	81	581	66	133	861	384	30	10	00	333	78	394	96	08
Texas	1303	166	1469	61	248	50	263	2683	147	530	3799	1306	75	31	38	1072	82	1998	40	35
Washington	1224	179	1403	4	279	35	263	1848	183	310	2804	11	91	165	24	1823	68	1526	43	02
West Iowa	469	46	515	16	140	20	231	1468	58	172	1917	441	00	173	15	1823	68	147	92	19
West Ontario	719	104	823	34	218	40	231	1468	58	172	1917	441	00	173	15	1823	68	147	92	19
West Kansas	615	100	715	32	171	26	177	985	54	99	1315	568	20	440	87	1308	64	857	31	20
Wisconsin	637	90	727	39	175	29	177	985	54	99	1315	568	20	440	87	1308	64	857	31	20
Total	32954	4311	37265	1518	7705	1320	9154	57029	4405	7001	77679	\$33620	\$58	\$8403	90	\$49252	96	\$1290	76	69
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STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF THE CONFERENCES

CONFERENCE		Raised for Gen-eral Conference	Raised for Annual School Board	Raised in Sunday School for All Other Benevolences	Total Amount Raised in Sunday School	Conference Missions	Pastors' Support	Parsonage Rent	Elders' Support	Evangelists' Support	Incidentals	No. of Churches	Value of Church Property	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parson-age Property
%	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%	\$
Alberta					262.84	34.75	3376.61	141.00	682.93	592.75	391.20	5	6600	12	2600
Arkansas and So. Missouri					821.52	8.90	388.89	1373.00	195.35	116.47	174.15	14	6400	12	500
California	2.70	45.85	41.01	52.23	821.52	215.00	7020.07	1373.00	847.74	153.10	3260.78	16	40800	27	24350
Colorado	3.50	21.23	126.41	2343.62	267.65	14352.35	2538.00	2186.87	2186.87	849.15	5092.66	16	88800	21	28800
Columbia River	2.08	1.60	106.58	753.19	120.15	15513.21	344.00	1358.02	1358.02	580.66	6998.16	17	28325	9	5075
East Michigan	7.35	8.15	384.00	690.88	130.95	7616.63	1404.00	1322.58	566.82	566.82	1940.29	37	23700	15	15050
East Ontario	3.40	8.15	99.26	1069.50	208.00	22901.63	14186.00	2492.25	340.04	340.04	11959.37	96	131900	15	58100
East Texas					1009.52	27.60	11687.76	1407.00	1388.87	171.64	2397.23	42	63700	17	20210
Genesee	53.55	39.81	421.46	2818.19	343.45	18844.36	4300.00	2305.18	242.91	242.91	488.74	6	6200	2	900
Georgia and Florida					365.76	41.13	1763.48	204.00	618.87	282.95	14262.26	19	151600	41	71400
Illinois	21.64	30.01	430.00	365.76	41.13	1763.48	204.00	618.87	282.95	282.95	698.19	15	8100	4	38400
Iowa	15.34	28.68	83.67	2780.46	262.57	16172.18	4845.00	2647.90	1004.05	1004.05	10141.22	32	141750	33	76350
Kansas	12.34	28.68	203.46	1563.45	264.90	6204.62	2014.00	2242.58	1130.62	1130.62	5965.47	33	51600	29	22525
Kentucky and Tennessee					165.34	80.10	1308.91	200.00	279.49	266.24	574.13	1	1500	7	380
Lehigh					98.00		780.35		596.00	253.90				30	59450
Michigan	14.96	3.45	279.40	2114.23	288.86	16469.17	3600.00	2422.50	577.40	577.40	10650.42	62	104350	30	59450
Minnesota and No. Iowa					531.72	148.43	1763.18	793.00	443.25	443.25	1050.48	13	24100	12	9320
Missouri	21.72	53.51	132.72	294.73	148.43	1763.18	793.00	443.25	443.25	443.25	1050.48	13	24100	12	9320
Nebraska	16.43	131.72	122.85	1678.38	277.10	15265.34	2119.00	2837.65	1417.02	1417.02	4838.29	45	126500	14	30250
New York	2.00				1678.38		5123.80	280.00	956.81	481.35	1433.57	47	16300	6	4300
North Dakota					344.23	269.11	22299.12	3453.00	2563.02	310.53	8988.02	82	107650	52	45950
North Michigan	21.77	3.02	15.82	554.29	72.50	3570.93	523.00	447.45	328.09	328.09	1371.33	10	10800	9	7000
North Minnesota	11.52	5.58	75.00	3106.67	249.20	19978.40	3462.00	2519.17	1223.44	1223.44	9404.69	51	81000	27	52300
Ohio	15.36	21.00	174.70	1118.58	67.20	26454.99	4342.00	3518.73	3239.46	3239.46	12070.77	84	191700	42	59700
Oklahoma	15.59	51.85	56.20	1111.52	205.00	8067.52	1475.00	1349.32	1381.06	2522.39	22	20450	21	12450	
Oregon	1.75		22.65	633.67	169.92	6724.71	858.00	975.64	638.64	638.64	1826.07	20	32450	11	11250
Pittsburgh	25.48	43.90	439.40	6209.60	252.20	30332.15	8506.00	4377.44	1262.73	1262.73	2022.07	59	148700	32	70900
Platte River	3.00	1.30	20.50	355.97	48.28	3438.85	844.00	989.17	328.93	328.93	1653.46	10	18700	13	16600
Saskatchewan	2.00		118.84	701.69	60.00	5997.53	1125.00	1064.40	127.95	127.95	3610.84	6	23800	8	15800
So. Africa [see For. Mis.]					645.30	96.12	4696.35	972.00	879.67	726.17	4600.35	14	24000	18	13700
South Dakota					2262.81	563.50	13241.67	3036.00	1641.28	1431.46	9585.63	24	57500	16	14375
Southern California	8.19	11.73	183.62	2262.81	6.35	1114.37	4764.00	2752.13	1992.00	1992.00	9280.24	53	104700	40	74150
Southern Oregon	6.75				2296.94	266.80	19684.30	4764.00	2752.13	1992.00	9280.24	53	104700	40	74150
Susquehanna	1.00				505.92	230.06	9842.68	880.00	636.63	778.91	1176.30	13	1300	0	0
Texas	19.23	22.87	116.69	2438.35	293.73	12201.51	2609.00	1790.35	2053.17	7821.52	57	103800	27	33650	
Texas	19.23	22.87	116.69	2438.35	293.73	12201.51	2609.00	1790.35	2053.17	7821.52	57	103800	27	33650	
Washington	3.41	1.35	59.73	488.16	68.20	5745.18	1298.00	1143.57	1057.68	600.91	8300.46	28	62050	23	34100
West Iowa	16.20	50.09	68.16	1114.46	148.85	10786.18	1198.00	2002.16	227.71	227.71	4859.24	40	37300	18	19000
West Ontario	66.74	1.00	101.57	709.77	185.30	7882.54	1692.00	1437.60	1397.12	1397.12	2999.79	22	34700	22	22950
West Kansas					101.57	709.77	185.30	7882.54	1467.21	1397.12	2999.79	22	34700	22	22950
Wisconsin					82.19	127.25	8413.80	1418.00	1466.21	1193.56	2723.26	32	47700	11	17000
Total	\$418.74	\$457.54	\$6209.89	\$55852.32	\$7238.29	\$402375.81	\$73721.00	\$63502.36	\$30905.85	\$195608.01	1208	2348485.781	\$1071200		

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL MEETINGS, 1917

BISHOPS

REV. BURTON R. JONES, 44 E. Peoria street, Pasadena, California.
REV. WALTER A. SELLEW, 68 Falconer street, Jamestown, New York.
REV. WILSON T. HOGUE, R. R. 2, Michigan City, Indiana.
REV. WILLIAM PEARCE, 4532 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

REV. BURTON R. JONES, President	REV. MENDAL B. MILLER,
REV. WILLIAM PEARCE,	Secretary
Vice-president	REV. ALEXANDER BEERS,
REV. WALTER A. SELLEW,	B. L. PERKINS,
REV. WILSON T. HOGUE,	GEORGE B. LAMBERT,
REV. ALBERT SIMS,	LEE COLE,
REV. DAVID S. WARNER,	J. M. DANIELS,
REV. CHARLES E. HARROUN,	C. I. TENNEY,
REV. L. GLENN LEWIS,	A. VERKUYL.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FREE METHODIST PUBLISHING HOUSE

REV. WILSON T. HOGUE, President	REV. MENDAL B. MILLER, Secretary
REV. DAVID S. WARNER,	REV. WALTER A. SELLEW,
Vice-president	Treasurer
REV. WILLIAM PEARCE,	GEORGE B. LAMBERT, Auditor
J. M. DANIELS.	

TRUSTEES OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

REV. WALTER A. SELLEW, President and Treasurer.....	Term expires 1923
REV. MENDAL B. MILLER, Secretary.....	Term expires 1923
REV. DAVID S. WARNER.....	Term expires 1923
REV. BURTON R. JONES.....	Term expires 1919
REV. WILSON T. HOGUE.....	Term expires 1919
REV. WILLIAM PEARCE	Term expires 1919

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee met in annual session at the Free Methodist Publishing House, 1132 Washington boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, on Thursday, October 18, 1917, at 2 o'clock p. m.

In the absence of the president, Burton R. Jones, Walter A. Sellew was elected pro tem.

All the members of the committee were present except Burton R. Jones and C. I. Tenney.

The following were elected, by ballot, directors of the Free Methodist Publishing House: Walter A. Sellew, Wilson T. Hogue, William Pearce, Mendal B. Miller, David S. Warner, George B. Lambert and J. M. Daniels.

Permission was given to sell or mortgage church or parsonage property as follows: Harrison and Capps circuit, Arkansas; Bluffton, Indiana; Sharon, Pennsylvania; Loyd and Little Willow, Wisconsin.

The election of a general conference evangelist was postponed for a year. It was ordered that a sum equal to eighteen cents a member be raised for the Bishops' Salaries Fund for the year.

The following recommendation of the publishing agent was adopted: The

present price of the *Free Methodist* continue for one year, and the paper be continued without alteration of form or size.

The question of publishing a *General Conference Daily* was referred to the directors of the Publishing House.

William Pearce was elected vice-president.

It was ordered that the publication of the *Primary Quarterly* be continued.

The continuation of the publication of the *Sunday-school Worker* was left with the Sunday-school Board.

The secretary was authorized to receive invitations to entertain the next General Conference.

BISHOPS' SALARIES

TREASURER'S REPORT

From October 1, 1916, to October 1, 1917

CONFERENCE	Apportionment	Paid	CONFERENCE	Apportionment	Paid
Alberta	\$ 25 92	\$	North Minnesota	\$ 54 00	\$ 54 00
Arkansas and So. Missouri...	15 66	15 66	Ohio	228 60	228 10
California	77 58	77 58	Oil City	371 88	398 60
Central Illinois	307 26	307 26	Oklahoma	150 12	150 12
Colorado	87 84	91 54	Oregon	99 72	89 72
Columbia River	96 66	96 66	Pittsburgh	301 14	301 14
East Michigan	376 74	376 74	Platte River	59 40	59 40
East Ontario	145 26	145 26	Saskatchewan	43 38	20 12
East Texas	31 50	.....	South Africa Mission .....	.....	569 50
Genesee	289 26	289 26	South Dakota	65 52	20 12
Georgia and Florida	33 84	33 84	Southern California	205 02	569 50
Illinois	189 36	189 36	Southern Oregon	25 38	25 38
Iowa	143 28	156 72	Susquehanna	263 16	263 16
Kansas	181 08	181 08	Texas	65 88	.....
Kentucky and Tennessee...	48 06	50 06	Wabash	227 88	227 88
Louisiana	45 00	.....	Washington	214 74	214 74
Michigan	234 18	234 18	West Iowa	79 38	65 94
Minnesota and No. Iowa...	58 86	101 17	West Kansas	100 26	100 26
Missouri	44 46	44 46	West Ontario	129 78	129 78
Nebraska	52 74	.....	Wisconsin	112 68	112 68
New York	219 78	219 78			
North Dakota	42 66	42 66			
North Michigan	328 86	328 86			
			Total	\$5873 76	\$6040 03

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

Received

Amount on hand October 1, 1916.....	\$1483 83
Amount received during the year	6040 03
Amount received by error and corrected.....	40 35

\$7564 21

Paid Out

Amount paid the bishops	\$5400 00
Amount paid over to claimants' fund.....	1000 00
Amount paid for salaries	180 00
Amount paid for expenses	30 00
	\$6610 00

Amount on hand October 1, 1917..... \$ 954 21

GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES' EXPENSES

TREASURER'S REPORT

From October 1, 1916, to October 1, 1917

Received

Amount on hand October 1, 1916.....	\$1072 40	
Amount received during the year.....	185 26	
		\$1257 66

Paid Out

For officers' salaries.....	\$ 65 00	
For expenses	10 00	
		\$ 75 00
		\$1182 66

GENERAL CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT

TREASURER'S REPORT

From October 1, 1916, to October 1, 1917

Received

Amount on hand October 1, 1916.....	\$ 857 94	
Amount received during the year.....	606 30	
		\$1464 24

Paid Out

For salaries of officers.....	\$ 170 00	
For expenses	10 16	
		\$ 180 16
Balance on hand October 1, 1917.....		\$1284 08

BOARD OF EDUCATION

REV. WILSON T. HOGUE,	REV. ALEXANDER BEERS,
President	Vice-president
REV. J. T. LOGAN,	REV. WALTER A. SELLEW,
Recording Secretary	Treasurer
REV. MENDAL B. MILLER,	REV. DAVID S. WARNER,
Corresponding Secretary	Auditor

The Board of Education met in annual session at the Free Methodist Publishing House, 1132 Washington boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, October 18, 1917, Bishop W. T. Hogue, president, in the chair.

Members present: W. T. Hogue, W. A. Sellew, W. Pearce, M. B. Miller, A. Beers, C. E. Harroun, A. Sims, D. S. Warner, L. G. Lewis, B. L. Perkins, A. Verkuyl, J. T. Logan, G. B. Lambert, J. M. Daniels, a full board except Burton R. Jones, who was detained at home on account of physical affliction, C. I. Tenney, detained on business, and D. P. Morse, deceased.

Lee Cole was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of D. P. Morse.

The following were elected a board of directors: W. T. Hogue, W. A. Sellew, B. R. Jones, W. Pearce, M. B. Miller, A. Beers, C. E. Harroun, A. Sims, D. S. Warner, L. G. Lewis, B. L. Perkins, G. B. Lambert, Lee Cole, J. M. Daniels, C. I. Tenney, A. Verkuyl, J. T. Logan.

The following standing committees were elected:

On Finance—M. B. Miller, A. Beers, C. E. Harroun.

On Appropriations—W. A. Sellew, J. T. Logan, M. B. Miller, L. G. Lewis, C. I. Tenney.

On Location of Educational Institutions—B. R. Jones, W. A. Sellew, W. T. Hogue, W. Pearce, A. Sims.

On Cancellation of Loans—D. S. Warner, A. Sims, B. L. Perkins.

On Recognition of Schools—B. R. Jones, W. A. Sellew, W. T. Hogue, W. Pearce.

On Unpaid Loans—W. A. Sellew, M. B. Miller.

On Standardization of Free Methodist Schools—D. S. Warner, A. Beers, L. G. Lewis.

To Inquire into the Financial Condition of Our Schools—C. E. Harroun, C. I. Tenney, A. Verkuyt.

The following loans were granted: Byron Broadbrooks, \$50; Alexander Richardson, \$50; Wilder Reynolds, \$50; Harriet Nelson, \$100; Horace A. Scott, \$50; Edna Perry, \$200; Ezra J. Hockenberger, \$50; Anthony Catanese (conditional), \$50.

EDUCATIONAL AND CHILDREN'S FUND

TREASURER'S REPORT

From October 1, 1916, to October 1, 1917

CONFERENCE	Children's Fund	Educational Fund	CONFERENCE	Children's Fund	Educational Fund
Alberta	\$ 11 15	\$ 21 20	North Minnesota	\$ 12 58	\$ 3 31
Arkansas and So. Missouri.....	1 00	.....	Ohio	43 42	20 88
California	3 70	1 00	Oil City	62 49	16 58
Central Illinois	41 81	13 00	Oklahoma	38 48	50
Colorado	6 08	.....	Oregon	3 00	.....
Columbia River	3 04	.....	Pittsburgh	16 00	5 25
East Michigan	58 79	8 17	Platte River	8 23	.....
East Ontario	1 00	.....	Saskatchewan .....	.....	.....
East Texas	2 60	.....	South Africa Mission.....	.....	.....
Genesee	11 57	.....	South Dakota	3 79	.....
Georgia and Florida.....	.....	.....	Southern California	21 72	10 40
Illinois	39 25	16 51	Southern Oregon	1 32	.....
Iowa	24 51	6 91	Susquehanna	39 64	13 00
Kansas	4 13	.....	Texas .....	.....	.....
Kentucky and Tennessee.....	.....	.....	Wabash	15 86	11 25
Louisiana	19 55	3 60	Washington	16 04	.....
Michigan .....	.....	.....	West Iowa	1 50	.....
Minnesota and Northern Iowa..	75	.....	West Kansas	21 82	1 05
Missouri	9 59	50	West Ontario	3 16	1 20
Nebraska	32 62	16 66	Wisconsin	4 70	.....
New York	14 70	1 58	Total.....	\$599 59	\$172 55
North Dakota .....	.....	.....	
North Michigan .....	.....	.....	

BOARD OF EDUCATION

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

Received

Amount on hand of Board of Education funds October 1, 1916.....	\$2815 61	
Amount turned into Board of Education during the year.....	477 72	
Children's Fund received during the year.....	509 59	
Educational Fund received during the year.....	172 55	
Educational on hand October 1, 1917.....	105 55	
		\$4171 02

Paid Out

Children's Fund overdrawn October 1, 1916.....	\$1140 34	
Educational Fund loaned during the year.....	450 00	
Expenses during the year.....	352 75	
		\$1943 09
Balance on hand October 1, 1917.....		\$2227 93

BOARD OF CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS

REV. BURTON R. JONES, President REV. MENDAL B. MILLER, Secretary

The Board of Conference Claimants of the Free Methodist Church of North America met at the Free Methodist Publishing House, 1132 Washington boulevard, Chicago, Illinois. Friday, October 19, 1917, at 3:55 o'clock p. m.

In the absence of the president, Wilson T. Hogue was elected president pro tem.

Members present: W. A. Sellew, W. T. Hogue, W. Pearce, M. B. Miller, A. Sims, D. S. Warner, L. G. Lewis, A. Beers, C. E. Harroun, B. L. Perkins, G. B. Lambert, J. M. Daniels and A. Verkuyl.

The following were elected, by ballot, directors for the ensuing year: W. A. Sellew, W. T. Hogue, W. Pearce, M. B. Miller, D. S. Warner, G. B. Lambert and J. M. Daniels.

It was ordered that an amount equal to fifty cents a member be raised this year for Conference Claimants.

William Pearce was elected vice-president.

The total amount of claims allowed was \$19,229.00.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND

TREASURER'S REPORT

From October 1, 1916, to October 1, 1917

CONFERENCE	Apportionment	Paid	CONFERENCE	Apportionment	Paid
Alberta	\$ 72 00	\$ 54 20	North Michigan	\$ 913 50	\$ 913 50
Arkansas and So. Missouri	48 50	43 50	North Minnesota	150 00	150 00
California	215 50	215 50	Ohio	635 00	635 00
Central Illinois	853 50	853 50	Oil City	1033 00	635 78
Colorado	244 00	274 55	Oklahoma	417 00	417 00
Columbia River	268 50	268 50	Oregon	277 00	277 00
East Michigan	1046 50	1046 50	Pittsburgh	836 50	836 50
East Texas	87 50	30 00	Platte River	165 00	165 00
East Ontario	403 50	403 50	Saskatchewan	120 50	120 50
Genesee	803 50	803 50	South Dakota	182 00	109 65
Georgia and Florida	94 00	94 00	Southern California	569 50	56 05
Illinois	526 00	526 00	Southern Oregon	70 50	43 25
Iowa	398 00	398 00	Susquehanna	731 00	731 00
Kansas	503 00	503 00	Texas	183 00	.....
Kentucky and Tennessee	153 50	131 50	Wabash	633 00	633 00
Louisiana	125 00	.....	Washington	596 50	831 50
Michigan	650 50	700 50	West Iowa	220 50	220 50
Minnesota and No. Iowa	163 50	163 50	West Kansas	278 50	278 50
Missouri	123 50	123 50	West Ontario	360 50	360 50
Nebraska	146 50	183 75	Wisconsin	313 00	313 00
New York	610 50	610 50			
North Dakota	118 50	118 50			
			Total	\$16289 00	\$15274 13

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND—CONTINUED

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

Paid Out

Amount overdrawn October 1, 1916.....	\$ 1453 91
Amount paid claimants during the year.....	20670 33
Expenses during the year.....	95 00

\$22219 24*Received*

Amount received during the year	\$15274 13
Amount received as interest on Permanent Fund.....	1179 22
Amount received from Publishing House	2140 96
Amount received from Bishops' Salaries account.....	1000 00
Amount received by death of claimants.....	130 00
Refunds, corrections, etc.....	873 71

\$20598 02Deficit \$ 1621 22

PERMANENT FUND

TREASURER'S REPORT

From October 1, 1916, to October 1, 1917

CONFERENCE	Apportionment	Paid	CONFERENCE	Apportionment	Paid
Alberta	\$ 7 20	\$ 7 20	North Michigan	\$ 91 35	\$ 91 35
Arkansas and So. Missouri.....	4 35	4 35	North Minnesota	15 00	15 00
California	21 55	21 55	Ohio	63 50	63 50
Central Illinois	85 35	85 35	Oil City	103 30	103 30
Colorado	24 40	25 90	Oklahoma	41 70	41 70
Columbia River	26 85	26 85	Oregon	27 70	27 70
East Michigan	104 65	104 65	Pittsburgh	83 65	83 65
East Ontario	40 35	40 35	Platte River	16 50	.....
East Texas	8 75	.....	Saskatchewan	12 05	12 05
Genesee	80 35	80 35	South Dakota	18 20	15 40
Georgia and Florida.....	9 40	9 40	Southern California	56 95	.....
Illinois	52 60	52 60	Southern Oregon	7 05	7 05
Iowa	39 80	39 80	Susquehanna	73 10	73 10
Kansas	50 30	50 30	Texas	18 30	.....
Kentucky and Tennessee.....	13 35	13 35	Wabash	63 30	63 30
Louisiana	12 50	.....	Washington	59 65	59 65
Michigan	65 05	65 05	West Iowa	22 05	22 05
Minnesota and No. Iowa.....	16 35	16 35	West Kansas	27 85	27 85
Missouri	12 35	12 35	West Ontario	36 05	36 05
Nebraska	14 65	14 65	Wisconsin	31 30	31 30
New York	61 05	61 05			
North Dakota	11 85	11 85	Total	\$1631 60	\$1517 30

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

Amount on hand October 1, 1916.....	\$20775 57
Amount received during the year.....	1517 30

\$22292 87

PERMANENT FUND—SPECIAL

Amount on hand October 1, 1916.....	\$ 5772 78
Amount received during the year.....	1381 60

\$ 7154 38Balance on hand October 1, 1917..... \$29447 25

ANNUAL MEETING OF SUNDAY-SCHOOL BOARD

PROF. JACOB MOYER, President	REV. G. W. GRIFFITH,
REV. J. B. LUTZ, Recording Secretary	REV. J. H. WHITEMAN,
REV. W. B. OLMSTEAD,	PROF. E. A. HOLTWICK,
General Secretary	REV. L. G. LEWIS.

The Board met for its annual meeting in the Executive Committee room at the Publishing House October 22 at 10 a. m.

Jacob Moyer and J. H. Whiteman were absent.

In the absence of the president, the vice-president, E. A. Holtwick, presided.

The General Secretary read a communication from Jacob Moyer, now located at Fargo, North Dakota, asking to be relieved of his place on the Board. His resignation was accepted with regret.

The General Secretary made his annual report, touching particularly upon the campaign of institutes which were held the past year and which he declared had greatly strengthened the Sunday-school work in the church.

He suggested a plan for a few conference conventions or schools of methods which he thought could now be conducted with profit. The Board heartily approved of this suggestion.

An interesting letter from Miss Minnie K. Hessler, Sunday-school secretary for Japan, was brought before the Board.

The reports of the institute workers were received and ordered placed on file.

The Board ordered that another campaign of institutes such as was held the past year be put on again next year.

W. B. Olmstead, J. B. Lutz and G. W. Griffith were made a committee to select a library for Sunday-school workers.

J. B. Lutz was elected editor of the *Sunday-school Worker*.

On motion the Board designated the first Sunday in May as a time for taking the offering required by the Discipline for the general Sunday-school Board.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION

REV. WILLIAM PEARCE, President	REV. J. S. MACGEARY, Secretary
REV. G. W. SAUNDERS, Treasurer	

The members are the same as the General Missionary Board.

Pursuant to a call published in the *Free Methodist*, the above Board met at the Free Methodist Publishing House, 1132 Washington boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, Tuesday, October 23, 1917, at 2 o'clock p. m.

In the absence of the president, J. S. MacGeary, the secretary, called the meeting to order and conducted the devotional exercises. Prayer was offered by W. N. Coffee.

Wilson T. Hogue was elected president pro tem.

The roll was called and fifteen members responded.

The following were elected directors of the Board: W. A. Sellew, Wilson T. Hogue, William Pearce, J. S. MacGeary and W. B. Olmstead.

The treasurer made his report, which was on motion received and referred

to the auditor. The auditor reported that the accounts were audited up to July 1, 1917, and that he could not finish the same, as the accounts are balanced October 1st for the fiscal year. He requested the privilege of finishing the audit and filing his report with the secretary for recording in the journal.

On motion the reports of the auditor and treasurer for the fiscal year of 1916 were adopted.

The requests for aid on the churches at San Francisco, California, and Clarion, Pennsylvania, and the renewal of that on the Hamilton church were deferred for one year because of the numerous applications, believing these might be delayed and not cause inconvenience to those concerned.

The Board considered the further list of requests for appropriations which had been sent from the various conferences and recommended a list for the consideration of the directors at their meeting.

LIST OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1917-1918

CONFERENCE	CIRCUIT OR CHARGE	AMOUNT
California	Plymouth	\$ 100.00
Central Illinois	St. Louis, Missouri	200.00
Columbia River	Daisy, Washington	100.00
Columbia River	Priest River, Idaho	75.00
East Michigan	West Branch	150.00
East Ontario	Frankford, Ontario	125.00
East Texas	Kirbyville, Texas	125.00
Genesee	Rochester, New York	250.00
Genesee	Belfast, New York	350.00
Georgia and Florida	Lake Worth, Florida	60.00
Illinois	Englewood, Chicago, Illinois	100.00
Kentucky and Tennessee	Woodbury, Tennessee	75.00
Kentucky and Tennessee	Louisville, Tennessee	225.00
New York	Washington, D. C.	200.00
Ohio	Ashtabula (renewal)	225.00
Oil City	Tidioute, Pennsylvania	150.00
Oklahoma	Newkirk	175.00
Oklahoma	Bartlesville	100.00
Oregon	Hillsboro, Oregon	250.00
Oregon	Madras, Oregon	125.00
Pittsburgh	Hites, Pennsylvania	150.00
Pittsburgh	Oliphant, Pennsylvania	50.00
Platte River	Albion, Nebraska	75.00
Platte River	Stapleton, Nebraska	75.00
Southern California	Chino, California	150.00
Susquehanna	Messena, New York	50.00
Wabash	Bedford, Indiana	300.00
Wabash	Mt. Carmel, Illinois	300.00
Wabash	Westfield, Illinois (church in country)	150.00
Washington	Bellingham, Washington	100.00
West Kansas	Logan, Kansas	125.00
Total		\$4,685.00

CHURCH EXTENSION

TREASURER'S REPORT

From October 1, 1916, to October 1, 1917

CONFERENCE	Apportionment	Paid	CONFERENCE	Apportionment	Paid
Alberta	\$ 14 40	\$ 14 40	North Michigan	\$ 182 70	\$ 182 70
Arkansas and So. Missouri...	8 70	8 70	North Minnesota	30 00	30 00
California	43 10	43 10	Ohio	127 00	127 00
Central Illinois	170 70	170 70	Oil City	206 60	206 60
Colorado	48 80	56 90	Oklahoma	83 40	83 40
Columbia River	53 70	53 70	Oregon	55 40	55 40
East Michigan	209 30	209 30	Pittsburgh	167 30	167 30
East Texas	17 50	.....	Platte River	33 00	33 00
East Ontario	80 70	80 70	Saskatchewan	24 10	24 10
Genesee	160 70	160 70	South Dakota	36 40	10 62
Georgia	18 80	18 80	Southern California	113 90	113 90
Illinois	105 20	105 20	Southern Oregon	14 10	14 10
Iowa	79 60	79 60	Susquehanna	146 20	146 20
Kansas	100 60	100 60	Texas	36 60	.....
Kentucky and Tennessee....	26 70	26 70	Wabash	126 60	126 60
Louisiana	25 00	.....	Washington	119 30	119 30
Michigan	130 10	130 10	West Iowa	44 10	44 10
Minnesota and No. Iowa....	32 70	49 79	West Kansas	55 70	55 70
Missouri	24 70	24 70	West Ontario	72 10	72 10
Nebraska	29 30	29 30	Wisconsin	62 60	62 60
New York	122 10	122 10			
North Dakota	23 70	23 70	Total	\$3263 20	\$3183 51

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

Received

Amount on hand October 1, 1916.....	\$1780 74	
Amount received during the year.....	3183 51	
Amount refunded	175 00	\$5139 25

Paid Out

Paid for appropriation for 1913-14:		
Harrison, Arkansas		\$ 125 00
Paid for appropriations for 1916-17:		
Lafayette, Indiana	\$ 400 00	
St. Joseph, Missouri	120 00	
Indianapolis, Indiana	400 00	
Pontiac, East Michigan	200 00	
Auburn, Washington	100 00	
Chireno, East Texas	100 00	
Canon City, Colorado	125 00	
Sacul, East Texas	125 00	
Leavenworth, Kansas	200 00	
Caldwell, Columbia River	100 00	
Kennebec, South Dakota	75 00	
Taswell, Wabash	75 00	
Manton, North Michigan	50 00	
Getchell, Washington	50 00	
Third Church, Portland, Oregon.....	50 00	
Pasadena, Southern California	450 00	
Milan, Michigan	100 00	
Colville, Washington	250 00	
Liberty, Arizona	125 00	
Glamis, Ontario	125 00	
Midland, East Ontario	300 00	
	\$3520 00	
Expenses	137 82	\$3782 82
Balance on hand October 1, 1917.....		\$1356 43

BOARD OF CHARITIES AND BENEVOLENCES

The Board consists of the members of the General Missionary Board and the superintendents of the Gerry and Woodstock Homes.

Pursuant to the call published in the *Free Methodist* the Board met in the Free Methodist Publishing House, 1132 Washington boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, October 22, 1917, at 2:00 o'clock p. m.

In the absence of the president and vice-president, the Board was called to order by the secretary, J. S. MacGeary. Devotional exercises were conducted by Bishop W. A. Sellew.

W. N. Coffee was, on motion, elected president pro tem. The roll was called and eighteen members responded. The minutes of the last meeting of the Board were read.

W. P. Ferries, superintendent of the Chicago Industrial Home for Children, read his report, which was on motion adopted.

Bishop Wilson T. Hogue, vice-president, having arrived, took the chair.

W. P. Ferries, treasurer of the Chicago Industrial Home for Children, presented his report. This report was on motion received and referred to the Executive Committee with instructions that they be permitted to file the report of the public accountant, to whom it was submitted for audit with other papers of the Board, as the report was not ready.

Hon. R. S. Vessey, ex-governor of South Dakota, was introduced to the Board and on motion invited to an honorary seat. He briefly addressed the Board.

J. D. Kelsey, superintendent of the Old People's Rest Home at Woodstock, Illinois, made a verbal report which was on motion received. Permission was granted that the financial report of the Home be filed with the executive committee at a later date.

Bishop Walter A. Sellew, treasurer of the Gerry Homes, made a general verbal report of the Homes and Home farm. He also presented a report of receipts in cash and produce and expenditures for the year. This report was received, with the privilege of filing a detailed report later with the executive committee.

S. V. Coe, superintendent of the Life Line Orphans' Home, Kansas City, Kansas, presented his report. He also read the treasurer's report. On motion the reports were received. Mrs. S. V. Coe, associate in the work of this Home, spoke briefly of the Home and its work, and of the special providences of God in helping them in their finances. Articles of incorporation for the Home were presented to the Board for filing.

On motion Rev. W. B. Olmstead was appointed committee to visit the Chicago Industrial Home for Children and the Old People's Rest Home the coming year. L. Glenn Lewis was appointed to visit the Life Line Orphanage. J. S. MacGeary was appointed to visit the Gerry Homes.

The Board voted in favor of taking an Easter offering for each of the Homes. W. B. Olmstead was appointed committee to give notice of this through the *Free Methodist* and Mrs. Emma L. Hogue through the *Missionary Tidings*.

On motion the following were elected an executive committee: Wilson T. Hogue, W. P. Ferries, W. A. Sellew, S. V. Coe, J. S. MacGeary, W. F. Jensen and Emma L. Hogue.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE
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OCTOBER, 1917



General Missionary Board

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Pursuant to a notice published in the *Free Methodist*, the General Missionary Board met at the Free Methodist Publishing House, 1132 Washington boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, Thursday, October 18, 1917, at 10:00 o'clock a. m.

The president, Walter A. Sellew, called the meeting to order and presided.

By request of the president, the Missionary Secretary, J. S. MacGeary, conducted the devotional exercises. "I love Thy kingdom, Lord." was sung and prayer was offered by H. L. Crockett. Portions of the first chapter of Acts and of the 24th chapter of Luke were read.

The roll was called and seventeen members responded.

The order of business was taken up.

The Board ordered one regular daily sitting, from 8:30 to 11:30 a. m.

During the session of the Board there were ten sittings. The following is a synopsis of the business transacted and the reports which were given:

MISSIONARY SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT

Another year has come and gone, bringing its measure of conflict and victory, perplexity and deliverance, burden and strength for the day. In view of the war and the generally unsettled condition of things in the country it looked at the beginning of the year as though we might find it difficult to swing clear in our finances, but in answer to prayer God has undertaken and brought us through, and so far as I know our finances have never been in so good a condi-

tion at the close of any year as they are this year. All appropriations for the year are met and \$8,000 paid on the first quarter of the coming year and our bank book shows a cash balance in our favor. I am reminded of an incident which came to my knowledge in South Africa. The missionaries of the American Board were holding their annual meeting and were facing a difficult situation. While seriously discussing this, Father Pixley, a veteran missionary, arose and said in substance, "Brethren, I have been attending annual meetings for fifty years and I never attended one yet that we were not facing a crisis." So each year seems to present an apparent crisis, but as we go forward God opens a way and we get through. Surely we have cause for devout thanksgiving to God for the way He has undertaken the past year. He has brought us through marvelously, but this does not mean that we can relax our efforts. Another year with its problems is before us. Increased effort and faith will be needed to meet its demands.

Since the last meeting six missionaries have been returned from furlough to Africa and one new recruit has been sent out. One has been returned from furlough to Japan, one new missionary has been sent to India and a man and wife and an associate helper to the Dominican Republic. Five missionaries have come home on furlough from Africa, a man and wife from India and one each from China and the Dominican Republic.

AFRICA

The reports from this field for the year are encouraging. There has been a very satisfactory increase in the number of members and in all departments the work is prosperous. Because of a very serious nervous breakdown Miss Newton was obliged to return to the homeland during the year. She was much benefited by the sea voyage and has made substantial improvement since arriving home.

Rev. G. G. Kessel and wife, whose furlough had been delayed two years because of shortage of workers on the field, returned at the same time.

Brother Carroll Smith and wife, who have so faithfully stood by the work in the Inhambane field, felt that their health demanded a respite from the climatic conditions there and in harmony with the action of the Board last year came home in company with Brother and Sister Kessel and Miss Newton.

Since Brother and Sister Brodhead came home last year there has been no missionary at the Critchlow mission station. Since his return to Africa from his furlough, Rev. A. M. Anderson has been in charge of this work in connection with his work at Greenville. His reports from the entire Pondoland field, of which he now has the full charge, are encouraging. Meetings and schools are well attended and people have been seeking the Lord. The work at Edwaleni has been making progress under the efficient leadership of Brothers Rice and Jacobs. The attendance at the Training School has increased and there has been a good spiritual interest among the boys. Brother Jacobs has also had charge of the mission station in connection with his school work. Although not able to give the attention to the station it demanded, there has been a substantial advance. Itemba, under the efficient leadership of Miss Hartman, assisted by Miss Reed, is going forward. At Fair View, Brother J. W. Haley has been in charge of the station since he arrived on the field, with Sister Agnew associated. The work has made good progress during the year. The girls' home and school under the leadership of Miss Allen, assisted by Miss Evans, is keeping up its record for good school work and spiritual results as well. Brother and Sister Woods on Fair View farm are doing faithful work with encouraging results. Brother Woods' report will show that the farm has a good balance on the credit side of the ledger.

At Germiston Brother and Sister Ryff are keeping things moving and seeing success in the salvation of souls.

The Inhambane region still continues to produce good fruit. Over one-half of the gain in our Africa work during the last two years has been at Inhambane. The homecoming of Brother and Sister Smith materially weakens

the force at that point, but Miss Nickel and the new missionaries, Brother and Sister Pine and Miss Armstrong (who are all doing well) are pushing the work. There is a fine attendance at the girls' school, in charge of Miss Nickel. A proposition has been submitted by the missionaries of the Methodist Episcopal church in that region for a uniting of our forces in medical work. This will be brought before you in the regular order of business. A request comes from Inhambane for an appropriation for a building for a girls' boarding school. If there is to be any enlargement in this line of our work, Inhambane is the place, in my judgment, where it ought to be. Unless we make some provision for better educational facilities for both boys and girls there in the near future, they will go to other missions to find them.

Our membership in the African field now is 1,024 in full connection and 695 on probation. Of these 496 full members and 275 probationers are at Inhambane.

Since the last Board meeting Rev. A. M. Anderson and wife, Rev. J. W. Haley and wife, Dr. W. A. Backenstoe and wife have returned from furlough to the field, and Miss Mae Armstrong, a new missionary, sent out. A furlough is requested by the missionaries for Miss Allen. Recent word comes that she has again been seriously ill. Provision should be made for her to have a furlough. The missionaries have asked largely in their requests for appropriations this year, which indicates that they have a "large" vision for the work. The call still comes from Inhambane for the new station farther inland.

INDIA

Referring to this field I can not more clearly express myself than to quote the opening sentence of my last year's report, "At no time since the establishment of our mission in India has our work there undergone such a testing as during the last year. * * * The force on the field has been so reduced that it has been entirely inadequate to properly handle the work." The shortage of workers with some other developments during the past year has apparently brought us face to face with a serious crisis in our work there. Some recruits, especially some male missionaries, must be sent there soon or the consequences to our work in that land may be serious. Miss Helen I. Root, who was appointed last year, left Seattle for India about September 10th. She is no doubt now nearing the shores of India.

CHINA

In harmony with the action of the Board a year ago, as soon as it was possible to do so after the adjournment of the Board, I left home to visit the China work. I spent seven weeks and a little more in China. I visited all our principal stations and a number of the out-stations. I also visited some of the other missions near our work. I endeavored to travel with my eyes and my ears open so as to learn all I could. I was much pleased with our work in China. Although the number of Christians is not large they appear to be a good class of people—largely farmers, I concluded. I endeavored impartially to compare the results of our work in China with that of other missions and it is my deliberate judgment that, considering our financial resources and workers on the field as compared with other missions, we have no reason to be ashamed of results produced, nor have we any cause for discouragement, but on the other hand I feel we have many reasons for encouragement. I held some special meetings in Kai Feng, preaching to our missionaries and to some of other missions who came in. God was pleased to grant His presence and several expressed themselves as having been helped.

Recent letters from China tell of a special season of melting and refreshing in connection with the annual meeting. I feel assured that if we can hold on we shall reap a good harvest in China. The great increase in the price of silver due to the war has seriously affected the financial situation in China. U. S. gold is worth only about one-half what it was at the beginning of the war in Chinese money. At the same time the prices of all commodities have

greatly advanced. This has created a serious financial situation for our missionaries. One of the problems before us at this Board meeting is to devise some means of meeting this situation.

On account of the rise in the price of silver and resulting variation of exchange, Dr. Grinnell decided at the beginning of the year, to wait some time before exchanging the money in hand and proceeding with the building of the hospital. Some alterations were made in buildings on the compound in Ki Hsien and hospital work has been begun in these buildings, but nothing, as yet, has been done toward the erection of the new buildings on the compound outside of the city.

Since the last Board meeting Brother Appleton has secured the property in Kai Feng and has erected a new chapel inside the city. "It is forty feet by fifty-two feet (Chinese measures do not tally exactly with English) with belfry and entrance of ten feet square in one corner and an alcove for the pulpit and class or guest-hall rooms in the form of an L on the pulpit end so that when thrown open fully it will probably seat between four and five hundred people."

Regular services are held here on the Sabbath in addition to the meetings during the week in the street chapel.

Miss Peterson has come home for furlough during the year. The directors, at a meeting in May last, voted to send Miss Leininger, who is a trained nurse, after the Board meeting. She is now making preparations to go and will sail from Seattle about November 20th. Mr. Jacob Schaffer, who was appointed to India one year ago, with the proviso that he be sent to China if the Indian government would not admit him to India, was refused admission to India because of his German name and extraction. Negotiations are now pending to have him exempt from military service with a view to sending him to China.

The request is renewed this year for a furlough for Brother and Sister Schlosser.

Early in the summer Rev. W. E. Blackstone, of Los Angeles, California, offered to give \$1,200 to send out Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Beare of that place and pay their salary one year. Mrs. Beare is the daughter of Brother Honn, former missionary to China. Mr. and Mrs. Beare would no doubt have been on the field by this time, as the directors voted to send them out, but he has not yet heard from the war department regarding his exemption from military service. I should also mention in this connection that Rev. W. E. Blackstone also gave \$1,000 in addition to that mentioned above to be used for evangelistic work in China.

JAPAN

On my way home from China I stopped over in Japan and spent some time visiting our work there. I visited all the main stations and most of the out-stations, preaching one or more times at each place. In general I was much pleased with the character of the work. Our work in Osaka especially is in an encouraging condition. The membership at present is 320 in full connection and 257 on probation. The Osaka church is a working church in the proper sense of the term. The Japanese pastor, Brother Kawabe, and the missionary in charge, Brother Youngren, agree in placing "special emphasis" on "presenting the gospel to the largest number possible, and the various factors of the mission have been harnessed up to their full capacity in contributing to this end." Seventeen services a week are held regularly by the church. In addition to this and the Sabbath-school in the church, there are ten Sabbath-schools held in different sections of the city, young peoples' meetings and meetings for women. At Sumoto on the island of Awaji, I dedicated a new church. Japan is an interesting and inviting field. Reports from the work since I was there speak of a special blessing on the hearts of the missionaries, special meetings in which the Spirit was poured out and signs of revival influence among the people. A strong plea is made for new workers. Rev. W. E. Blackstone also gave us a special donation of \$1,000 for evangelistic work in Japan. Miss

Mylander, who was home on furlough, has been returned to the field since the last Board meeting.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

The unsettled political conditions existing in the Republic a year ago have passed away and with improved conditions our missionaries have been able to enter more fully upon the work. Soon after the last Board meeting Miss Whiffen, who had been home for some months, returned to the field. On account of the condition of her health, Miss Avery was obliged to come home early in the year. She has, since coming home, undergone a serious operation, but when last heard from was improving and expected soon to return to the island. Brother and Sister Mills, who were appointed to this work last fall, could not arrange their affairs to get away until late in the year. They have just recently gotten away, accompanied by Manuela Mills, who was accepted last fall as an associate worker at half salary. Because of financial conditions that hinder their return at present, Brother and Sister Stayt request to be continued on furlough without salary.

PERSONAL REPORT

About six months of the year was spent in China and Japan and in going and returning. Since my return home, in addition to my work in the office, I have attended eight conferences and some other local meetings. At the conferences attended there was realized \$5,800 in cash and subscriptions; at other meetings attended about \$700, making in all \$6,500. In all my work for the missionary cause I have never been so cordially received as this year. The response of our people to the appeal for means is better than ever before. I have traveled by sea 12,000 miles; on land, by rail, cart, jinrikisha and on foot about 9,000 miles. I have been out in all kinds of weather, hot, cold, wet and dry and have not had one day's serious illness during the year. There have been some times of testing but I have been much blessed in my personal experience and divinely helped in my work. I feel well in body and strong in spirit and am ready for another year.

REPORT OF FIELD SECRETARY FRANK L. BAKER

TO THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL MISSIONARY BOARD:

It is with a grateful heart to my Lord for His love and tender care over me the past year that I make my report to you at this time.

This report covers a little less than eleven months in the field, as the month of October last was spent in the office assisting with the work before, during and after the Board meetings.

As in past years I have spent considerable time in revival services, assisting in eight or ten places in ten-day meetings, helping in six camp meetings and attending six conferences. Have been privileged to see a goodly number converted and sanctified. Wife and I held a six days' meeting in Ann Arbor, Michigan, where we have never had an organization. Through the influence of Miss Ruth Avery, who is attending the university, we were permitted to hold the meeting in the home of an evangelical brother near the heart of the city, where we saw a number very clearly saved and organized a class of fifteen members. With the care given by the elder and pastor in Ypsilanti, they are doing well and have a mission room in which regular services are held in a central part of the city.

Wife and I have traveled throughout the North Michigan conference in the interests of missions. We feel great good has been done in awakening an interest in the work and the way has opened so that several Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies have been and will be organized.

I have received several hundred dollars from persons outside the church as in the past and have those on my list at the present time who are paying from five dollars to eight dollars per month regularly for missionary work.

There was a very liberal response in Canada for missions, where we have been permitted to see as high as \$1,150 raised in one service. Some land is being deeded to us in Canada and we are to have the proceeds of fifteen acres of wheat as soon as it is marketed.

The saints and friends in all our journeys have given us a royal welcome and responded nobly to the call for funds to spread the Gospel.

I have secured \$4,250.00 on the annuity plan, \$3,603.28 in cash and \$10,316.20 in subscriptions, a total of \$18,169.48. The part subscribed is being collected by the treasurers of the W. F. M. S., who are very faithful, collecting almost all subscriptions made on the various circuits.

I have not pressed the matter of giving personally or publicly nearly as much as in former years, but have sought to awaken and insure a permanent interest in missions by my addresses and personal labor. I have been enabled to see several missionary libraries started in our Sabbath-schools and many subscribe for the *Tidings* that they may get in touch with our missionary work. I have held several services in which I have not called for a collection or subscription, depending on results in the future, and this course has often resulted in persons taking the initiative in coming to me and offering to give in various ways.

I have traveled 20,990 miles in the eleven months, have delivered 268 sermons or addresses and sought in every way I have known to advance the cause of Christ in the home and foreign fields as I have beheld the signs of His coming multiplying from day to day.

My expenses for the past year have been \$273.49, \$115.00 of which I have received from the treasurer, and the remaining \$158.49 has been paid from that received for assisting in meetings and from that which has been handed me by friends. A detailed account of all moneys received and expended is on file with the treasurer.

Whatever success I may have had the past year is more due to the earnest prayers of my wife than any other source aside from the grace of God. To Him I give all the glory.

F. L. BAKER.

REPORT OF GENERAL CONFERENCE EVANGELIST S. K. WHEATLAKE

TO THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL MISSIONARY BOARD:

It is with profound gratitude to the Lord for His goodness to me that I make to you a report of my labors within the borders of our beloved Zion during the past year. His tender mercy and care have been over me and He has been pleased to favor me with a goodly degree of success, for which I adore His great name. I have been well cared for by the pilgrims and have not had a single day of sickness during the entire year, although I have labored very hard at times, and though at times faint, I have kept pursuing. The preachers and laity of the church have cooperated with me very cheerfully and heartily in my labors among them and I am disposed to attribute the most of my success under God to their prayers and efforts. I have found as a rule a fairly healthy spiritual condition among our people and in the main I find them disposed to keep to the old landmarks set by our fathers. My first meeting for the year was held at Knoxville, Iowa. We had a very good meeting there among the saints but not much was accomplished outside the good done in the church, which by the way was well worth the meeting. By several urgent invitations my attention was directed to the needs of the West Kansas conference and after much prayer I decided to spend the winter among them. My first meeting held in that conference was at Densmore. God came in power and we witnessed a gracious outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Many souls were saved and purified and several of them united with the church. My next meeting was at Lebanon and at this place we had, I was told, one of the best revivals they have had for several years. From there I went to Concordia and once again the Lord favored us with the victory. We then proceeded to open a meeting at Beloit. This meeting proved to be a great uplift to the church and a few were saved and united with the church. During my labors in this

conference between thirty and forty united with the church, the most of them on probation. In the month of May I attended a camp meeting at Jackson, Ohio, which was greatly hindered by bad weather and the poor location of the grounds on which it was held. But God's people were greatly blessed and a few souls were saved. From there I went to Watertown, South Dakota, to attend a camp meeting. Our people have been trying to establish a work in that place for some time but notwithstanding the fact that the meeting was held in the heart of the city and street meetings were held every night, for some reason the people of the town did not become interested in the meetings. The pilgrims were greatly blessed and that which remained was strengthened. My next meeting was a tent meeting at Waterloo, Iowa. This meeting was a signal victory from the beginning to its close. A goodly number were saved and purified and several united with the church. This meeting made a deep impression on the city and gave us as a people a standing in Waterloo that we never had before. My next meeting was a camp meeting at Mercer, Pennsylvania. The power of God was with us and the meeting was victorious from start to finish and souls were blessed at every service. The next camp meeting that I attended was at Olney, Illinois, and once again we were permitted to witness a gracious outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the people and many souls were saved and sanctified. My last camp meeting was at New Brighton, Pennsylvania. This meeting proved to be the best I have attended for years. Over one hundred fifty souls bowed at the altar of prayer during the meeting. I am now engaged in a meeting at Lafayette, Indiana. The battle is waxing hot and the prospects are good for a victory. There has been raised on my fields of labor \$190.00 for the expenses of the meetings, not including the expense of the camp meetings; \$152.00 for traveling expenses, and \$25.00 for postage and laundry. I have received in collections for myself \$497.00. I have traveled 5,370 miles in reaching my fields of labor and have preached 400 sermons.

S. K. WHEATLAKE.

REPORT OF GENERAL CONFERENCE EVANGELIST A. D. ZAHNISER
TO THE GENERAL MISSIONARY BOARD:

It is with deepest gratitude to God, who has so graciously granted health and strength for the labors of another year, that I submit to your honorable body the following report:

My efforts have been within the bounds of the Pittsburgh, Oil City, Wabash, Columbia River, New York, Central Illinois, East Michigan, Saskatchewan and Iowa conferences. I have held nine series of revival meetings of from two to five weeks each, held two tent meetings, assisted in five camp meetings, presided at one conference and dedicated one church.

Have raised in special collections for pastors \$275.00, for incidental expenses \$195.00. In addition to this have raised for foreign missions, churches, etc., over \$7,000.00. I have received from the field \$740.00 and expended for traveling and necessary incidental expenses \$244.44. My efforts have brought considerably more into the treasury of the church than it has cost to keep me in the field. A goodly number have been saved, sanctified and housed in the Free Methodist fold.

I greatly regret that I have been able to respond to so few of the kind and urgent calls for evangelistic help, but have given the best I had to all the meetings I have held, though I have ever been conscious of my limitations.

I beg an interest in your prayers that I may be more efficient in winning souls to Christ.

A. D. ZAHNISER.

REPORT OF GENERAL CONFERENCE EVANGELIST E. BALLENGER

TO THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL MISSIONARY BOARD:

Through another year of incessant labor the Lord has very graciously sustained and kept us, spiritually and physically, and our hearts are filled with sincere gratitude and praise.

Mrs. Ballenger has been with me constantly in the work of the past year and has rendered valued assistance.

We have labored within the bounds of the following conferences: Oklahoma, Texas, East Texas, Arkansas and Southern Missouri. About four hundred have bowed at our altars and we have witnessed copious outpourings of the Holy Spirit, resulting in some very marked cases of repentance and conversion, the sanctification of believers and the bringing of many within the pale of the church. We have taken but one week of actual rest and have gone to the limit of our strength and endurance in the effort to do our best. We leave the results with God and the church.

The preachers whom we have assisted in special meetings have stood by us nobly and labored earnestly and efficiently. Many of them are making sacrifices beyond words to express to continue in the work and to promote the interests of the cause of God and the church. Of the eighteen series of meetings we have conducted all but four were held in localities where the work was very weak, run down, or in practically new territory. In almost every instance we have seen it, under the blessing of God, built up and strengthened. We have traveled between six and seven thousand miles, visited many homes, circulated a large amount of literature and by divine assistance have been able to proclaim the truth in public discourse four hundred ninety-seven times.

Received and applied on traveling and incidental expenses \$285.62; on my support, \$497.46. In the good providence of God we have been able to raise or direct into the different channels of the church work much more than it has cost to keep us in the field.

With devout thanksgiving and praise to our heavenly Father for the mercies and blessings of the past and trusting Him for the future we go forth to another year of sacrifice and toil with these words as our motto, "ONLY FOR SOULS."

At the time of this report we are engaged in a special effort near Neosho, Missouri. God is moving on hearts and some are finding the way to the fountain of life. Arkansas and Southern Missouri conference is one of our most needy fields.

E. BALLENGER.

REPORT OF MRS. ELLA L. MACGEARY, GENERAL MISSIONARY

"But as his part is that goeth down to battle, so shall his part be that tarrieth by the stuff."

If this promise made by David to Israel at one time still holds good, I suppose the six months' separation and broken home life during my husband's absence to China and Japan is not without its compensation. However, I felt at the time that our remaining days together are getting too few for any more protracted separations (this being the second in two and a half years) and although I found God's grace sufficient, I have not changed my mind.

I have responded to calls for missionary meetings whenever practicable. I spent a month of the early part of winter in Greenville and spoke on four different occasions. I was also one of the invited speakers at the missionary convention held in connection with the commencement exercises there in June. I had the privilege of being at Spring Arbor, where I spoke at the Sunday-school and gave the missionary address at the convention. I spoke for the W. F. M. S. of the North Michigan conference and attended one camp meeting in the Oil City conference. With these exceptions my work has been within the bounds of the Illinois conference. Have addressed Sunday-schools, public meetings at quarterly meetings and camp meetings, in all about twenty-seven. As you see, many of these meetings were not of such a character as to make collections the objective point, so that I realized only a little over \$1,800 in cash and subscriptions.

I find there are still in some sections a few preachers who either by opposition or indifference block the work of the W. F. M. S. and do nothing themselves to take the place of it, thus showing their attitude toward mission work.

But as a rule there is a growing interest and a disposition to give the work all the prominence it deserves, especially at the general gatherings. Furthermore as far as I am able to judge there is no disposition on the part of our people to retrench on this line of God's work, but realizing that the strenuous times are affecting all alike at home and abroad, they are willing to share in the self-denial. Not only is this true of those who have already been awakened and interested, but indifferent people among the laity are becoming interested. One member of the Central church in Chicago recently said in public, "I used to have no use whatever for missionary meetings, but now my eyes are opened," and this he proved by subscribing two and a half dollars a month, which he is promptly paying. He had already paid ten dollars last year. Thus I am encouraged to add my little mite, trying to disseminate missionary intelligence and enthusiasm, not forgetting as was expressed in a prayer at the first sitting, that all our work is vain unless we pray more than we work, for God can perform the impossible in answer to prayer.

In conclusion I never realized so clearly how much the extension and growth of the foreign work depends upon the growth and extension of the home church as I do now, and that we who are engaged more particularly in the former work must do all in our power to strengthen the work of the church.

MRS. ELLA LOUISE MACGEARY.

REPORT OF MRS. REBECCA E. SELLEW, GENERAL MISSIONARY

During the past year I have traveled extensively with Mr. Sellow in attending nine conferences and in holding revivals and other meetings. Have given eleven missionary addresses, spoken in Sunday-schools and W. F. M. S. business meetings, and organized one young people's society. I have done what I could to advertise and sell our missionary books and calendars and also took subscriptions to *Missionary Tidings*.

In the little that has been accomplished through my efforts I acknowledge the help and blessing of God.

MRS. REBECCA E. SELLEW.

REPORT OF MRS. IDA R. WINGET, GENERAL MISSIONARY

By the guiding hand of my heavenly Father I have been privileged to be a worker with Him this past year in the Ohio, Genesee, Susquehanna and Georgia and Florida conferences. We were permitted to attend farewell missionary meetings in the vicinity of Cleveland, Ohio, with our old friend, George Mills, and family, en route for Santo Domingo, West Indies, where he lived with his father when a lad. We were encouraged to know the love for that work had remained with him and he was encouraged by the hearty response and God-speed given him by the people of that city and vicinity.

At Toledo, Ohio, we were much encouraged to meet Miss Clara Hayden, recently from Cuba, where she spent some years with her father. I talked to the Juniors in the manner I did in Santo Domingo. She gave the Spanish to the congregation.

I attended the Susquehanna annual conference and the Georgia and Florida conference, assisting in the missionary services. I am pleased to report an encouraging interest.

MRS. IDA R. WINGET.

REPORT OF MRS. EMMA L. HOGUE, GENERAL MISSIONARY

During the past year, in company with my husband, I attended six conferences. At each of these I spoke in the interest of missions, but the special work was to represent the literature of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and have an agent of literature appointed at each conference to sell our books, calendar and tracts during the conference year. At each of the meetings there was an increased interest manifested and spiritual outpourings of the Holy Spirit in all the public meetings. At each conference there was a marked increase in the amount of money raised for missions during the past year.

For all of the mercies and blessings I feel to thank the Lord, and hope by His help to do still more and better work in His vineyard.

MRS. EMMA L. HOGUE.

REPORT OF MRS. HARRIET M. BAKER, GENERAL MISSIONARY

In the providence of the Lord it was my privilege to spend five weeks during the months of April and May helping in missionary meetings nearly every evening and over the Sabbaths in the Michigan and North Michigan conferences. I attended the district quarterly meeting at Grand Rapids, Michigan, where I was permitted to address the Sabbath-schools on missions, as also in other places.

Have taken about fifty or more subscriptions for the *Missionary Tidings* and have sold about the same number of the Missionary Calendars as we have gone from circuit to circuit, hoping in this way to awaken a greater interest in our missionary work.

I attended two camp meetings, one in Fulton, New York, and the other in Ontario, where it was my privilege to take part in missionary services. I find the cares and responsibilities of home greater as husband is away nearly all of the time and that it takes more grace to stay at home than to be actively engaged in the work of the Lord. "Yet He giveth more grace" and has also given me a spirit of prayer for the various mission fields, especially for India, where my husband has often said we would surely go if we were a little younger. I have felt many times that God heard prayer and He says if we know He hears us whatsoever we ask we know that we have the petitions we desire of Him. I rejoice that I am permitted to make some little sacrifice for the spread of the glorious Gospel which has done so much for me.

MRS. HARRIET M. BAKER.

REPORT OF MRS. CHARLOTTE T. BOLLES, GENERAL MISSIONARY

My efforts to serve God and the church this past year have been centered in a small circle confined to my own conference. I have sought to be efficient in what has been committed to my care. Opportunities have been many to help, to encourage, inspire and instruct others from the funds of knowledge and experience that it has been my privilege to gain through membership in the W. F. M. S. Executive Committee. I have been given a share in helping to raise cash and subscriptions at local, district, camp and conference meetings.

It has been one of my many duties this year to administer the estate of Dora C. Burch, by which the local church received an equal amount with the W. F. M. S., \$601.38, as residue of her estate.

The motto of my life this year, more than ever, has been, "God first, in word, thought and action." The record is with God.

MRS. CHARLOTTE T. BOLLES.

MISCELLANEOUS

At the first sitting of the Board it was found that W. B. Olmstead, ministerial member of the Board from the second district, had transferred his membership from the Ohio to the South Dakota conference, that G. W. Griffith, ministerial member for the second district, had transferred from the South Dakota to the Central Illinois conference and that T. B. Arnold, lay representative from the fifth district, had reunited on his certificate of location with the Illinois conference as a traveling preacher. At the same sitting Jacob Moyer presented his resignation as lay representative of the fourth district. In view of these changes the Board declared a vacancy in the ministerial representation on the second and fifth districts and in the lay representation on the fourth and fifth districts. W. B. Olmstead was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the removal of G. W. Griffith from the fifth district, R. A. Zahniser to fill the

vacancy caused by the removal of W. B. Olmstead from the second district, W. F. Jensen to fill the vacancy on the fifth district caused by T. B. Arnold's change of relation and Mrs. Carrie T. Burritt to fill the vacancy on the fourth district caused by the resignation of Jacob Moyer.

All reports except those of the general officers were referred to the committees on the various countries with instructions that all items they deemed necessary should be brought to the attention of the Board.

The secretaries of the various committees read several extracts from letters and reports from the missionaries in the sittings of the Board.

The Board took action setting apart the week of June 9 to 16, 1918, as a week of self-denial for foreign missions, the offering to be taken on June 16.

Fifty dollars per year was appropriated to be paid to the Committee of Reference and Counsel, New York City, toward the maintenance of a general missionary headquarters, this amount to be paid from year to year at the discretion of the Missionary Secretary.

The following returned missionaries were introduced to the Board: G. G. Kessel and Mrs. Rosa Hunter Smith, from Africa; Miss Louise D. Calkins, from India, and S. E. Cooper, from Japan. Miss Evangeline Crockett, who is to go to India the coming year, was also introduced to the Board. Each of these spoke briefly.

During the year Rev. W. E. Blackstone, of Los Angeles, California, donated to the Board from a fund of which he is the trustee and administrator \$1,000 to China and Japan respectively, to be used for evangelistic purposes, also \$1,200 to pay the outgoing expenses and salary for one year of Mr. Thomas J. Beare and wife as missionaries to China. The Board adopted resolutions expressing its appreciation of his gifts and ordered a letter expressing this sent to Rev. Blackstone.

The following persons were elected as directors of the General Missionary Board: Walter A. Sellew, president; J. S. MacGeary, secretary; W. T. Hogue, W. B. Olmstead, W. F. Jensen, Mary L. Coleman and Peter White.

A new blank was adopted to be used by physicians in reporting on medical examinations of candidates for the foreign field. The Board appointed a committee with a view to districting the church and appointing one or more physicians in each district to whom candidates for the foreign field shall go for medical examination.

The following missionaries were elected superintendents and treasurers of the various countries: J. T. Taylor, superintendent and treasurer in India; August Youngren, superintendent in Japan, Ruth Mylander, treasurer in Japan; C. F. Appleton, superintendent in China, A. L. Grinnell, treasurer; J. W. Winans, superintendent Dominican Republic, Nellie M. Whiffen, treasurer; Jules Ryff, treasurer for the Natal, Pondoland and Transvaal work in Africa, and Miss Margaret A. Nickel, for Inhambane.

The following missionaries were continued on furlough: Rev. and Mrs. N. B. Ghormley, Rev. and Mrs. G. G. Kessel, Rev. and Mrs. Carroll Smith, Miss Luella M. Newton, Rev. and Mrs. H. M. Damon and Miss Mattie J. Peterson.

The following were continued on furlough without salary: Rev. S. E. Cooper and wife, Miss Lucy H. Tittlemore, Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Stayt, Miss Ethel F. Newton and Miss Maggie LaBarr.

Mr. Ole Kragerud and Miss Ella Becker were discontinued and their names placed on the honor roll. Names of N. S. Honn and his wife were also placed on the honor roll.

Ella L. MacGeary, Ida R. Winget, Rebecca E. Sellew, Harriet M. Baker, Emma L. Hogue and Charlotte T. Bolles presented their reports as general missionaries.

The reports of S. K. Wheatlake, A. D. Zahniser and E. Ballenger as general conference evangelists were read.

Bishop Sellew was elected delegate to the Conference of Foreign Missionary Boards having work in Africa, to be held in New York City, November 20-22, and J. S. MacGeary was elected delegate to the Conference of Foreign

Missionary Secretaries to be held in Garden City, New York, January 15-17, 1918.

Mrs. Eva R. Ballenger was granted the relation of general missionary.

The total administrative expenses for carrying on the work of the Missionary Board for the year amounted to but seven and two-tenths per cent of the receipts.

Next annual meeting of the Board is to be held beginning October 23, 1918, at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

AFRICA

The Board took the following action relative to the proposition made by the Methodist Episcopal mission at Inhambane:

That the Board looks with favor upon the proposition to cooperate in medical work at Inhambane and furnish the services of a trained nurse in return for medical aid, but as no trained nurse is now available as a candidate the matter was referred to the board of directors.

The power of attorney for Portuguese East Africa was given to Jules Ryff.

Five hundred dollars was appropriated by the Board for the purchase of land for a new station in the Inhambane field.

Miss F. Grace Allen was granted a furlough. Rev. A. E. Haley and wife and Rev. J. P. Brodhead and wife were requested to return to Africa in time for the next session of the South Africa conference. W. S. Hoffman and wife were expected to go out at the same time.

The Board authorized the secretary to write a letter to Dr. Stauffacher of the Methodist Episcopal mission at Inhambane, East Africa, expressing its appreciation of his professional services rendered to our missionaries in that field.

Action was taken instructing the board of directors to put forth an effort to secure a teacher to assist Mae P. Armstrong in the Inhambane school, if after further investigation they deem it advisable and the funds will warrant. And if such teacher be sent out the South Africa conference be requested to appoint her to that school. Provision was also made for the sending out of a teacher to be associated with Miss Alice E. Evans in the school at Fair View when Miss Allen comes home on furlough.

The increase in membership in the South Africa conference last year was 222. The total membership now in the Africa field is 1,024 in full connection and 695 on probation. Of these 496 full members and 275 probationers are in Inhambane. Of the increase last year 157 was in the Inhambane field.

INDIA

Two men or two men and their wives were ordered sent to India during the present year if suitable candidates can be secured and arrangements can be made for the same.

A furlough was granted to Miss Effie L. Southworth.

It is expected that S. D. Casberg and wife and Miss Louise D. Calkins will return to India in time for the next cool season. Miss Evangeline Crockett will also go to India at that time.

CHINA

Land has been procured for the hospital in Kih sien, Honan, China, and building operations will be begun this year. Dr. Grinnell reports that during the last year he has treated two thousand five hundred patients and performed one hundred surgical operations.

The request of the missionaries that J. S. W. Ryding be received on trial as a missionary in China was granted.

George D. Schlosser and wife were granted furloughs the coming year.

Thomas J. Beare and wife, who were accepted by the board of directors

during the past year, are to sail for China as soon as arrangements can be made. Miss Kate P. Leininger, a trained nurse, and Rev. Jacob H. Schaffer were to sail November 20th.

Miss Alta L. Sager, who was appointed by the Board for China last year, is now in school preparing to take a medical course with a view to going out later as a medical missionary.

JAPAN

The Board ordered that K. Inaba be sent to Japan to be employed as other Japanese workers, also that Tetsuji Tsuchiyama, now a student in Drew Theological Seminary, be sent to Japan as soon as possible after his graduation in June next and employed as a teacher in the Osaka Training School.

A married couple and two young ladies are to be sent to Japan as soon as possible if the funds will warrant and the proper parties can be found.

In harmony with the request of the missionaries in Japan as expressed in the minutes of their annual meeting, the following changes were made in the "Rules and Regulations for the Japan Free Methodist Mission." Section IV, paragraph 2 was changed so as to read, "The conference shall elect one of its members, an ordained elder, to act as presiding officer of the conference, the same to remain in office until his successor is elected." In the same section, paragraph 5, line six, strike out the words "composed of five members."

A new building, a residence for the Japanese pastor and a dormitory for the young men in the training school, has been erected during this last year on the Nippon Bashi lot in Osaka.

It may not be generally known that in Osaka we have a Free Methodist church of three hundred twenty members and two hundred fifty-seven probationers, making a total of five hundred seventy-seven in all. This is the largest Free Methodist church in the denomination and so far as known the largest holiness church in the world.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

One of the leading physicians in San Francisco de Macoris, having represented to Miss Whiffen the great need for trained nurses in that field who may, after being on the field a short time, become self-supporting, and the annual meeting having requested that the Board send out two such nurses, provision was made that two be sent to the field this year, who shall receive half pay for the first year. Miss Bessie Brewer was accepted as one of these nurses to go out as soon as arrangements can be made.

George W. Mills and wife and Manuela D. Mills have recently been sent out.

Some improvements are being made and some additions added to the school building and mission home in San Francisco de Macoris.

HOME MISSIONS

Reports from the Mexican mission opened the past year in Los Angeles, California, are very encouraging. Several have been saved and sanctified and a number added to the church. A Mexican evangelist has come to us who is to be employed by the Board the coming year.

The reports from Bertha Ahlemeyer in the Japanese mission at Port Los Angeles are also good. Several Japanese have been converted during the year and united with the church.

Mrs. D. H. Thornton reports Japanese being won for Christ in the mission in Phoenix, Arizona.

In the Canal Zone there appears to be a good opening. Two preachers have come to us during the past year, bringing three organized societies of

over one hundred members. Appropriations were made for the purchase of property and toward the support of one of the preachers.

The Board appropriated \$1,750 for home missionary work among the Japanese, Chinese and Mexicans on and near the Pacific Coast and \$1,167 to open work in the Panama Canal Zone.

One hundred dollars per quarter is to be sent to Rev. Fredrick Amsden by the treasurer when this sum is raised by W. B. Olmstead, who was appointed to solicit the funds.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF HOME MISSIONS

From October 1, 1916, to October 1, 1917

<i>Received</i>	
Amount on hand October 1, 1916.....	\$2227 03
Gifts received during the year.....	42 05
Received from W. F. M. S., per Mrs. L. C. Jensen.....	1330 00
	<u>\$3599 08</u>
<i>Paid Out</i>	
To Japanese mission.....	\$1442 50
To Japan student.....	75 00
To Chinese and Mexican mission.....	135 00
	<u>\$1652 50</u>
Amount on hand October 1, 1917.....	\$1946 58

GENERAL MISSIONS

The appropriations requested for General Missions were considered and the following amounts were granted:

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1917-1918

CONFERENCE	AMOUNT
Alberta .....Sullivan Lake, Fleet and Gadsby.....	\$ 50.00
Alberta .....Edmonton	50.00
Arkansas and So. Missouri.....To the conference, to be disbursed by the district elder	50.00
California .....San Francisco	100.00
Central Illinois .....Bloomington	50.00
Central Illinois .....Madison	20.00
Colorado .....Edwin G. Kirby, district elder.....	25.00
Colorado .....Pastor at Bayfield.....	20.00
Colorado .....Pastor at Colorado Springs, West End...	20.00
East Michigan .....Marine City	35.00
East Michigan .....St. Johns	40.00
East Michigan .....Hillman and Spratt.....	35.00
East Michigan .....Durand	40.00
East Ontario .....Midland Mission	40.00
East Ontario .....Campbellford Mission	40.00
East Texas .....Zavalla, Huntington and Ora circuit.....	50.00
East Texas .....Huston district, to be disbursed by the district elder	50.00
Georgia and Florida.....B. Winget, district elder.....	50.00
Georgia and Florida.....L. D. Wallace, Central Mission.....	50.00
Georgia and Florida.....J. B. Cunningham, Hickory Level.....	50.00
Illinois .....Galesburg	75.00
Illinois .....Three Oaks	30.00
Iowa .....Rose Hill and Barnes City.....	50.00
Iowa .....Brighton and Mt. Pleasant.....	40.00
Kansas .....E. R. Ford, district elder.....	50.00
Kansas .....Junction City	20.00
Kansas .....Lawrence	20.00

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1917-1918—CONTINUED

CONFERENCE	AMOUNT
Kansas	Leavenworth Mission 20.00
Kentucky and Tennessee	J. W. W. Kelley, district elder 60.00
Kentucky and Tennessee	Wrightsburg circuit 50.00
Kentucky and Tennessee	Mt. Beulah circuit 40.00
Louisiana	District elder Louisiana district 25.00
Louisiana	North Mississippi and Alabama district 50.00
Michigan	South Bend 40.00
Michigan	Vicksburg 20.00
Minnesota and No. Iowa	Fillmore and Spring Valley 50.00
Nebraska	Lynch circuit 40.00
Nebraska	Nebraska City 40.00
New York	Providence, Rhode Island 100.00
North Dakota	Craty and Doyan 50.00
North Dakota	Three Buttes and Lambert 50.00
North Michigan	Kingsley 30.00
North Michigan	Traverse City 20.00
North Michigan	Mancelona 20.00
North Michigan	Mt. Pleasant 30.00
North Michigan	Hastings 30.00
North Michigan	Zeeland 20.00
North Michigan	Woodville 30.00
North Michigan	Marion 20.00
North Minnesota	F. O. Lewis, district elder 50.00
North Minnesota	Fort Ripley circuit 30.00
Ohio	Ashtabula 75.00
Ohio	North Baltimore and Bowling Green 20.00
Oklahoma	Norman and Franklin circuit 35.00
Oklahoma	Wakita and Prairie Queen circuit 20.00
Oklahoma	Port, Zion Chapel and Canute 35.00
Oregon	Dalles circuit 25.00
Oregon	Lacomb circuit 20.00
Oregon	Yackets circuit 20.00
Oregon	Hillsboro circuit 45.00
Oil City	Du Bois 100.00
Platte River	Stapleton and Whittier 20.00
Platte River	Cambridge and Earl 30.00
Platte River	Somerset, Hayes Center and Rain 20.00
Platte River	Lewellen and Hillsdale 20.00
Southern California	Sherman 35.00
Southern California	San Bernardino 35.00
Southern California	Barstow 20.00
Southern California	Roosevelt 20.00
Southern Oregon	J. F. Smith, Roseburg, Oregon 25.00
Southern Oregon	F. W. Oliver, Cottage Grove 50.00
Susquehanna	Gouverneur, New York 100.00
Wabash	Urbana circuit 40.00
Wabash	Taswell charge 20.00
Wabash	Tennyson circuit 20.00
Washington	Vancouver, B. C. 50.00
Washington	Whidby Island 25.00
West Iowa	Carbon circuit 35.00
West Iowa	Polk City 35.00
West Iowa	Clearfield and Lorimor 35.00
West Iowa	Plover and Rolfe 35.00
West Kansas	Kingman Mission 25.00
West Kansas	Beeler and Prairie View 20.00
West Kansas	Almena circuit 20.00

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1917-1918—CONTINUED

CONFERENCE	AMOUNT
West Kansas.....Penokee circuit	20.00
West Ontario.....Glamis	75.00
Wisconsin	35.00
Wisconsin	35.00
Wisconsin	20.00
Wisconsin	20.00
Wisconsin	20.00
Total.....	\$3,420.00

TREASURER'S REPORT OF GENERAL MISSIONS

From October 1, 1916, to October 1, 1917

CONFERENCE	Apportionment	Paid	CONFERENCE	Apportionment	Paid
Alberta	\$ 21 60	\$.....	North Minnesota	\$ 45 00	\$ 45 00
Arkansas and So. Missouri..	13 05	13 05	Ohio	190 50	191 00
California	64 65	64 65	Oil City	309 90	309 90
Central Illinois	266 05	266 05	Oklahoma	125 10	125 10
Colorado	73 20	75 90	Oregon	83 10	93 10
Columbia River	80 55	66 55	Pittsburgh	260 95	260 95
East Michigan	313 95	313 95	Platte River	49 50	49 50
East Texas	26 25	.....	Saskatchewan	36 15	36 15
East Ontario	121 05	121 05	South Africa Mission.....	.....	.....
Genesee	241 05	241 05	South Dakota	54 60	47 55
Georgia and Florida.....	28 20	28 20	Southern California	170 85	375 87
Illinois	157 80	157 80	Southern Oregon	21 15	21 15
Iowa	119 40	119 40	Susquehanna	219 30	219 30
Kansas	150 90	150 90	Texas	54 90	.....
Kentucky and Tennessee....	40 05	40 05	Wabash	189 90	189 90
Louisiana	37 50	.....	Washington	178 95	178 95
Michigan	105 15	270 15	West Iowa	66 15	66 15
Minnesota and No. Iowa....	49 05	147 15	West Kansas	83 55	83 55
Missouri	37 05	37 05	West Ontario	108 15	108 15
Nebraska	43 95	79 95	Wisconsin	93 90	113 90
New York	183 15	183 15			
North Dakota	35 55	35 55			
North Michigan	274 05	274 05	Total.....	\$4894 80	\$5315 82

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

Received

Amount received from conferences during the year.....	\$5315 82
Amount on hand October 1, 1916.....	488 32
Amount refunded during year	138 80

\$5807 94

Paid Out

Amount paid evangelists	\$1125 00
Amount paid to expenses.....	127 63
Amount paid districts and circuits.....	4555 31

\$5807 94

FOREIGN MISSIONS

The following are the appropriations as granted by the Board for 1917-1918:

AFRICA

INHAMBANE STATION

Salaries of four missionaries:

Rev. Gilbert A. Pine.....	\$ 300.00
Mrs. Virginia P. Pine.....	300.00
Miss Margaret A. Nickel.....	300.00
Miss Mae P. Armstrong.....	300.00
Allowance for one child.....	50.00
Extra on living expenses of four missionaries.....	100.00
Emergency fund for school.....	75.00
Emergency fund for station.....	100.00
Fares to Inhambane.....	300.00
Traveling expenses of district elder.....	150.00
Portuguese teacher	200.00
Land for girls' school at new station.....	500.00
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	\$ 2,675.00

FAIR VIEW MISSION STATION

Salaries of three missionaries:

Rev. J. W. Haley.....	\$ 300.00
Mrs. J. W. Haley.....	300.00
Mrs. Lillie Agnew.....	300.00
Allowances for children:	
Harry Agnew	75.00
Florence Haley	75.00
Two younger Haley children.....	100.00
Six out-station teachers.....	400.00
Magog school teacher.....	90.00
Emergency fund for Fair View and Magog.....	100.00
Native evangelist at Magog.....	120.00
Loan to Mrs. Agnew's children.....	200.00
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	\$ 2,060.00

(Salaries of W. S. Woods and wife, \$600.00, to be paid from the income of Fair View farm.)

FAIR VIEW GIRLS' HOME

Salaries for two missionaries:

F. Grace Allen.....	\$ 300.00
Alice E. Evans.....	300.00
Industrial teacher	120.00
Three native teachers.....	500.00
Current expenses	250.00
Deficit on current expenses.....	95.00
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	\$ 1,565.00

EDWALENI MISSION STATION

Wages of two evangelists	\$ 240.00
Wages of native teacher at Edwaleni.....	90.00
Wages of teacher at Intanda.....	65.00
Emergency fund	25.00
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	\$ 420.00

General Missionary Board

AFRICA—CONTINUED

EDWALENI TRAINING SCHOOL

Salaries of four missionaries:

James S. Rice.....	\$ 300.00	
Mrs. Mabel K. Rice.....	300.00	
Rev. Ralph R. Jacobs.....	300.00	
Mrs. Ethel M. Jacobs.....	300.00	
Allowances for two children.....	100.00	
Wages for two native teachers.....	575.00	
Wages of assistant manual training teacher.....	240.00	
Emergency fund	50.00	
Medicine fund	25.00	
For a cistern.....	50.00	
Tools for carpenter shop.....	100.00	
Forges and tools for blacksmith shop.....	100.00	
Deficit on storm damages.....	60.00	
Guaranteed scholarships	500.00	
		\$ 3,000.00

AFRICA MISSIONARY REST HOME

Salaries for two missionaries:

Dr. W. A. Backenstoe.....	\$ 300.00	
Mrs. Mary E. Backenstoe.....	300.00	
Emergency fund	50.00	
Water tanks for hospital.....	100.00	
For mealie mill for hospital.....	35.00	
Stove for hospital	30.00	
		\$ 815.00

GREENVILLE MISSION STATION

Salaries for two missionaries:

Rev. A. M. Anderson.....	\$ 300.00	
Mrs. Mary D. Anderson.....	300.00	
Renovation of mission house.....	50.00	
School furnishings	25.00	
Emergency fund	50.00	
Running expenses for station school.....	50.00	
Wages for four native evangelists at half pay.....	360.00	
Wages for out-station teachers	120.00	
Wages for teacher at station school.....	240.00	
Medicines for natives.....	15.00	
Toward purchasing oxen and wagon for transport.....	200.00	
		\$ 1,710.00

CRITCHLOW MISSION STATION

Wages for five evangelists (including Baleni's).....	\$ 600.00	
Wages for four native teachers (including Baleni's).....	275.00	
Emergency fund for Critchlow and Baleni.....	75.00	
Material and labor for new chapel at Baleni.....	50.00	
		\$ 1,000.00

ITEMBA MISSION STATION

Salaries for two missionaries:

Lucy A. Hartman.....	\$ 300.00	
Nellie A. Reed.....	300.00	
Wages for two evangelists	240.00	
Wages for school teachers	125.00	
Emergency fund	25.00	
		\$ 990.00
Less hut rents.....	50.00	
		\$ 940.00

AFRICA—CONTINUED

GERMISTON MISSION STATION

Salaries for two missionaries:

Rev. Jules Ryff.....	\$ 300.00	
Mrs. Elizabeth E. Ryff.....	300.00	
Allowance for one child.....	75.00	
		\$ 675.00

BUILDING COMMITTEE AND MISCELLANEOUS

To complete Girls' Home hospital at Fair View.....	\$ 175.00	
For payment on land.....	245.00	
Traveling expenses of missionaries to conference.....	100.00	
		\$ 520.00
Total for Africa.....		\$15,380.00

INDIA

Salaries for eleven missionaries:

J. T. Taylor.....	\$ 300.00	
Margaret E. Taylor.....	300.00	
Effie L. Southworth.....	300.00	
Ernest F. Ward.....	300.00	
Ethel E. Ward.....	300.00	
Gertrude Alcorn	300.00	
Effie G. Cowherd.....	300.00	
Edith M. Santee.....	300.00	
Elizabeth Moreland	300.00	
Grace E. Barnes.....	300.00	
Helen I. Root.....	300.00	
		\$ 3,300.00

YEOTMAL STATION

Boys' Orphanage:

Contingent fund	\$ 60.00	
Teachers' salaries	200.00	

Girls' Orphanage:

Contingent fund	60.00	
Teachers' salaries	175.00	
Contingent for big bungalow and master's houses....	75.00	

Yeotmal Village School:

Contingent fund	25.00	
Teachers' salaries	125.00	

Anandrao's salary 200.00

Incidental expenses 25.00

Taxes 55.00

Salary of a preacher..... 76.00

Salary of a preacher..... 35.00

Salary of a Bible-woman..... 32.00

For the erection of a temporary school building at

Pimprigaon and expenses of equipping the school..... 60.00

Salary of a teacher at Pimprigaon..... 64.00

\$ 1,267.00

WUN STATION

Contingent fund\$ 50.00

Taxes 16.00

School contingent fund..... 10.00

Teachers' salaries 90.00

Salary of preacher 80.00

Salary of another preacher 40.00

\$ 286.00

General Missionary Board

INDIA—CONTINUED

DARWAH STATION

Preacher's salary	\$ 72.00	
Assistant preacher's salary.....	36.00	
Bible-woman's salary	32.00	
School teacher's salary.....	64.00	
Contingent for the station.....	50.00	
Contingent for the school and tiles for the school roof...	25.00	
Repair of bungalow damaged by high wind.....	30.00	
Salary of a second Bible-woman.....	32.00	
		\$ 341.00

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Rent, taxes, etc.....	\$ 10.00
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UMBRI STATION

Contingent fund	\$ 50.00	
Contingent fund for school.....	5.00	
Salary of teacher.....	72.00	
Salary of preacher.....	72.00	
Touring tent for Edith M. Santee.....	50.00	
		\$ 249.00

REST HOME

Taxes and contingent fund.....	\$ 40.00
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MISCELLANEOUS

One pair of bullocks.....	\$ 100.00	
Traveling expenses of missionaries to the hills.....	160.00	
Language school expenses and examination fee.....	80.00	
To apply on running expenses of Darwah Station.....	60.00	
Delegates' expenses and fee to the Mid-India Provincial Council of Missions.....	20.00	
Salary for Lilawartibai, Bible-woman.....	32.00	
		\$ 452.00

Total for India.....	\$ 5,945.00
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JAPAN

Salaries of five missionaries:

A. Youngren and wife.....	\$ 600.00
Two children under eight years.....	150.00
R. W. Millican and wife.....	600.00
Four children under eight years.....	300.00
Minnie K. Hessler.....	300.00
(Ruth Mylander receives her support from her father)	

\$ 1,950.00

Salaries of Japanese workers:

T. Kawabe	\$ 240.00
S. Onoda	195.00
S. Oya	195.00
M. Kamemizu	150.00
K. Onoda	165.00
G. Tani	174.00
T. Endo	210.00
S. Shioi	150.00
T. Yamauchi	135.00
M. Hatano	96.00
K. Inaba	96.00
Worker to be supplied.....	225.00

JAPAN—CONTINUED

Bible-women:

Miss H. Takeguchi	90.00
Miss U. Oya	78.00
Miss K. Akiyama	78.00
Miss O. Amano	78.00

\$2,355.00

Less amount paid from funds on hand..... 500.00

\$ 1,855.00

Allowance to students:

Five young men.....	\$ 330.00
Five young women.....	250.00

\$ 580.00

Rents—Osaka District:

Shitadera Machi Chapel.....	\$ 247.80
House rent for K. Inaba.....	60.00

\$ 307.80

Rents—Banshu District:

Miki and out-stations.....	\$ 55.00
Kakogawa and out-stations.....	75.00
Missionary's residence	120.00
New chapel at Takasago.....	48.00
New chapel, repairs, etc.....	25.00

\$ 323.00

Rents—Awaji District:

Sumoto out-stations	\$ 25.00
Fakura and out-stations.....	60.00
Eimura and out-stations.....	90.00
Shizuki and out-stations.....	65.00

\$ 240.00

Repairs:

Mission house, Sumoto.....	\$ 50.00
Mission house, Osaka.....	50.00
Girls' dormitory, Osaka.....	50.00

\$ 150.00

Miscellaneous:

Taxes	\$ 150.00
Tracts	75.00
Contingent	250.00
Travel	250.00
Moving expenses	50.00
Language teachers	50.00
Instructors in the Training School.....	115.00
Special evangelistic fund, Awaji.....	50.00
Special evangelistic fund, Banshu.....	40.00
Travel to Provisional Conference.....	20.00
Expenses to Arima Convention.....	35.00
Missionaries going to mountains.....	200.00
Text books for Training School.....	20.00
Insurance and office expenses.....	125.00
Translating literature for our work.....	50.00
Sickness in A. Youngren's family.....	12.00
Sickness in R. W. Millican's family.....	25.00
Bicycle for Awaji work.....	33.00
Repairs on missionary's home at Akashi.....	25.00
Organ for Training School.....	30.00
Bicycle for Miss Hessler.....	40.00

\$ 1,645.00

Total for Japan.....

\$ 7,050.80

CHINA

Salaries of seventeen missionaries and their children:

Rev. C. F. Appleton and wife.....	\$ 600.00	
Dr. A. L. Grinnell and wife.....	600.00	
One child over eight years.....	75.00	
One child under eight years.....	50.00	
Rev. George D. Schlosser and wife.....	600.00	
Three children under eight years.....	150.00	
Rev. George H. Scofield and wife.....	600.00	
Two children over eight years.....	150.00	
One child under eight years.....	50.00	
Miss Letitia Chandler.....	300.00	
Miss Edith F. Jones.....	300.00	
Miss Maud W. Edwards.....	300.00	
Rev. E. P. Ashcraft and wife.....	600.00	
Miss Bernice M. Wood.....	300.00	
Mr. J. S. W. Ryding.....	300.00	
Miss Kate P. Leininger, for three-fourths year.....	225.00	
Rev. Jacob H. Schaffer, for three-fourths year.....	225.00	
		\$ 5,425.00

Chinese helpers:

Kaifeng	\$ 400.00	
Kih sien	400.00	
Jungtseh	400.00	
	\$1,200.00	
Less amount paid from funds on hand.....	500.00	
		\$ 700.00

Contingent fund:

Kaifeng	\$ 100.00	
Kih sien	100.00	
Jungtseh	100.00	
		\$ 300.00

Schools:

Kaifeng	\$ 400.00	
Kih sien	100.00	
Jungtseh	300.00	
		\$ 800.00

Rents:

Kih sien	\$ 50.00	
Jungtseh	25.00	
		\$ 75.00

Out-stations:

Kaifeng	\$ 160.00	
Kih sien	80.00	
Jungtseh	130.00	
		\$ 370.00

Building and repairs:

Home in Kaifeng.....	\$1,000.00	
Compound wall and girls' school building.....	500.00	
Improvement and repairs on Kaifeng school compound homes.....	175.00	
Lot for doctor's home at Kih sien.....	200.00	
Hospital compound gateway, wall and helpers' home at Kih sien	500.00	
		\$ 2,375.00

CHINA—CONTINUED

Miscellaneous:

Travel	\$ 250.00	
Transfer	100.00	
Mandarin language teachers.....	400.00	
Emergency fund	250.00	
Orphans	100.00	
For language school expenses of new missionaries....	150.00	
To make up deficiency in exchange.....	1,500.00	
		\$ 2,750.00
Total for China.....		\$12,795.00

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, WEST INDIES

Salaries of missionaries:

J. W. Winans.....	\$ 300.00	
Esther D. Clark.....	300.00	
Nellie M. Whiffen.....	300.00	
George W. Mills and wife.....	600.00	
Raul Leon	300.00	
Mrs. Mariana Conde Leon.....	125.00	
Mrs. Manuela Mills.....	125.00	
Miss S. Belle Avery, for three-fourths year.....	225.00	
		\$ 2,275.00
For rent of house for missionaries at Sanchez.....	\$ 120.00	
For rent of mission house in Santiago.....	180.00	
For rent of superintendent's house in Moca.....	72.00	
For building second story on school building and third story attic on mission house in San Francisco de Macoris	125.00	
		\$ 497.00
Total for Dominican Republic.....		\$ 2,772.00

APPROPRIATIONS FOR HOME MISSIONS

Miss Bertha Ahlemeyer, Japanese mission.....	\$ 125.00	
Mr. Mizukami	50.00	
T. Tsuchiyama	100.00	
Chinese Mission, Los Angeles.....	400.00	
Mrs. D. H. Thornton, Japanese Mission.....	75.00	
Helper for Mrs. Thornton.....	100.00	
Mexican Mission, Los Angeles.....	240.00	
Miss Nell True	125.00	
Mr. Manuel Valerio	500.00	
Mr. Anthony Catanese and his brother, Frank.....	100.00	
Panama work	1,167.00	
		\$ 2,982.00
Total for Home Missions.....		\$ 2,982.00

SALARIES AND INCIDENTALS—OFFICE

Secretary's salary, in part.....	\$ 790.00	
Salary and traveling expenses of Field Agent.....	950.00	
Treasurer's salary, in part.....	730.00	
Allowance for stenographer.....	800.00	
Contingent and traveling expenses.....	300.00	
Expenses of Board Meeting and to be appropriated by the Board	870.00	
		\$ 4,440.00

General Missionary Board

SALARIES OF MISSIONARIES ON FURLOUGH AND ALLOWANCES FOR THEIR CHILDREN

Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Brodhead.....		\$	400.00
Rev. N. B. Ghormley and wife.....	\$ 400.00		
Dale Ghormley	50.00		
		\$	450.00
S. D. Casberg and wife.....	\$ 400.00		
One child over eight years.....	50.00		
Two children under eight.....	50.00		
		\$	500.00
Louise D. Calkins.....			200.00
Rev. and Mrs. G. G. Kessel.....	\$ 400.00		
Edward Kessel for half year.....	25.00		
		\$	425.00
Carroll Smith and wife.....	\$ 400.00		
Two children over eight years.....	100.00		
One child under eight years.....	25.00		
		\$	525.00
Iuella Newton			200.00
Mattie J. Peterson.....			200.00
Rev. and Mrs. H. M. Damon.....	\$ 400.00		
Two children over eight years.....	100.00		
Two children under eight.....	50.00		
		\$	550.00
S. Belle Avery, one-fourth year.....			50.00
			\$ 3,500.00

ESTIMATES FOR SENDING OUT NEW MISSIONARIES AND RETURNING SOME WHO ARE ON FURLOUGH

AFRICA

William S. Hoffman and wife:			
Ocean fares	\$ 450.00		
Railroad and incidental.....	120.00		
Outfits	150.00		
		\$	720.00
A. E. Haley and wife, and two children:			
Three full fares.....	\$ 675.00		
Incidentals, etc.	120.00		
Outfits	50.00		
		\$	845.00

INDIA

Man and wife:			
Ocean fares	\$ 540.00		
Railroad and incidentals.....	100.00		
Outfits	150.00		
		\$	790.00
Louise D. Calkins:			
Ocean fare	\$ 270.00		
Railroad and incidentals.....	100.00		
Outfit	25.00		
		\$	395.00
Evangeline Crockett:			
Ocean fare	\$ 270.00		
Railroad and incidentals.....	100.00		
Outfit	75.00		
		\$	445.00

S. D. Casberg and wife, and three children:		
Three and one-half ocean fares.....	\$ 945.00	
Incidentals	50.00	
Outfits	50.00	
		\$ 1,045.00

CHINA

Miss Leininger:		
Ocean fare	\$ 135.00	
Incidentals and car fare from Kent, Ohio.....	80.00	
Outfit	75.00	
House furnishings	50.00	
		\$ 340.00

Mr. Schaffer:		
Ocean fare	\$ 135.00	
Incidentals and car fare.....	40.00	
Outfit	75.00	
House furnishings	50.00	
		\$ 300.00

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, W. I.

S. Belle Avery:		
Ocean fare	\$ 65.00	
Incidentals	20.00	
		\$ 85.00

Total estimate for sending out new missionaries and returning from furlough.....	\$ 4,965.00
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ESTIMATED SALARIES OF OUTGOING MISSIONARIES AFTER THEY
ARRIVE ON THE FIELD

AFRICA

A. E. Haley and wife, for half a year.....	\$ 300.00	
Two children	62.50	
		\$ 362.50
William S. Hoffman and wife, salaries for half a year....		300.00
		\$ 662.50

ESTIMATES FOR BRINGING MISSIONARIES HOME

CHINA

George D. Schlosser and family:		
Ocean fares self and wife.....	\$ 270.00	
Three children	135.00	
Incidentals	150.00	
		\$ 555.00

AFRICA

Miss F. Grace Allen:		
Ocean fare (via Atlantic).....	\$ 225.00	
Incidentals	75.00	
		\$ 300.00

INDIA

Miss Effie Southworth:		
Ocean fare	\$ 270.00	
Railroad and incidentals.....	100.00	
		\$ 370.00
		\$ 1,225.00

SUMMARY

General appropriations requested.....	\$43,942.80
Home missions	2,982.00
Office expenses and salaries.....	4,440.00
Salaries of missionaries on furlough.....	3,500.00
Estimate for sending out missionaries.....	4,965.00
Estimated salaries for outgoing missionaries after arriving on the field	662.50
Estimated cost of bringing missionaries home.....	1,225.00
Grand total	\$61,717.30

GENERAL MISSIONARY BOARD (Incorporated June 19, 1885)

1. CORPORATE NAME.—“The General Missionary Board of the Free Methodist Church of North America.”

2. OBJECT.—“To collect, receive, hold, expend, pay out and dispose of any property, real or personal, or of whatever nature, and wherever situated, as allowed by law, that may be given, obtained, or held in aid of the general missionary work of the Free Methodist church, either on the home or foreign field.”

The Master's great “Commission” calls for more laborers. Who will help the Board to send them forth?

FORMS OF BEQUEST

BEQUEST FOR MISSIONS.—“I give and bequeath to the General Missionary Board of the Free Methodist Church of North America, incorporated under the general laws of the State of Illinois, for foreign missions, the sum of [here state the amount]; and the receipt of the treasurer thereof shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors for the same.”

If it be a devise of land the following form should be observed: “I give and devise [here give the title of the board as above] the following lands and premises; that is to say, [brief description here]; to have and to hold the same, with appurtenances, to the said Board, its successors and assigns forever.”

If the bequest is for home missions, observe the form as above, excepting, insert the words “home missions” in the place of “foreign missions.”

Requests to the Church Extension Board the same as the foregoing except the name of the board.

THE BETTER WAY

A better way to aid these general benevolences of the church, if possible, is to make your gifts while you live, according to one of the following forms:

REGULAR ANNUITY CERTIFICATE

GENERAL MISSIONARY BOARD OF THE FREE METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA
ANNUITY CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that.....
of.....has this day donated and given to the Directors of the General Missionary Board of the Free Methodist Church of North America, a corporation of the State of Illinois, for use by the aforesaid Board, and according to its directions for the purposes and objects for which the said Board was incorporated, the sum of.....dollars, and in consideration of this donation, the said corporation agrees to pay to the above named donor, so long as.....shall live, an annuity of five (5) per cent per annum on said principal sum, in semi-annual instalments.

This certificate is good only when properly executed for the corporation by

the President and Secretary and attested by the corporate seal of the aforesaid Board.

All of the principal of the before mentioned donation remaining in the hands of said Board at the time of the death of the aforesaid donor shall be absolutely in its hands, to be used as it may judge best for missionary purposes, no reversion of principal or interest to the heirs of..... after.....decease.

In testimony whereof the said corporation has caused this certificate to be executed by its President and attested by its Secretary with its corporate seal hereunto affixed.

All done at 1132 Washington boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, this.....day
of.....19....A. D.

By.....
Its President.

Attest.....
Its Secretary.

SPECIAL ANNUITY CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that.....
of.....hereby donates and delivers upon the conditions
named herein:

to the General Missionary Board of the Free Methodist Church of North America, for the purposes and objects for which said corporation was incorporated.

In consideration of such donation the General Missionary Board of the Free Methodist Church of North America agrees to pay said..... during.....life an annuity of.....per cent on said principal sum.

In case of sickness or disability, by the donor giving two months' notice, said Board agrees to pay.....

of said principal sum of.....to supply.....special needs.
Additional demands may be made by said.....as follows:

All of the principal and interest of the before mentioned donation remaining in the hands of said Board at the time of the death of the aforesaid donor shall be absolutely in its hands, to be used as it may judge best for missionary purposes, no reversion of principal or interest to the heirs of..... after.....decease.

In witness whereof the parties have hereunto set their hands and seals
this.....day of.....19.....

Witnesses:

President

Secretary

STATISTICAL REPORT OF AFRICA, INDIA, JAPAN, CHINA AND DOMINICAN REPUBLIC—1916-1917

COUNTRY	NAME OF STATION	Number of out-stations	American missionaries—Men	American missionaries—Women	Native male catechists, teachers and pastors	Native female teachers and religious helpers	Ordained native pastors	Organized churches	Members in full	Probationers	Total No. of native communicants	Adherents	Communicants added last year	Natives who receive instruction regularly	Estimated No. receiving instruction occasionally during the year	Boys (not orphans) supported during the past year	Girls (not orphans) supported during the past year	Boy orphans supported past year	Girl orphans supported past year	Boy orphans now in orphanages	Girl orphans now in orphanages (not including Sunday-schools)	Sunday-schools	Officers and teachers	Scholars	Scholars converted past year	Village and day schools	Scholars	
Africa	Inhambane	28	2	3	39	40	1	1	496	275	771	185	156	200	16500	60	70	130	2	8	95	..	28	325
Africa	Umusa, Gernis-ton, Transvaal	21	1	1	34	..	1	1	154	120	274	120	28	600	10000	1	10	115	..	21	446
Africa	Johannesburg	7	2	1	34	..	1	1	192	116	248	76	28	750	10000	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	18	115	..	7	275
Africa	Fair View	10	1	1	34	..	1	1	192	116	248	76	28	750	10000	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	18	115	..	7	140
Africa	Itamba	7	2	1	34	..	1	1	192	116	248	76	28	750	10000	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	18	115	..	7	140
Africa	Dawson	10	1	1	34	..	1	1	192	116	248	76	28	750	10000	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	18	115	..	7	140
Africa	Crabtree	4	1	1	34	..	1	1	192	116	248	76	28	750	10000	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	18	115	..	7	140
Africa	Crichton	4	1	1	34	..	1	1	192	116	248	76	28	750	10000	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	18	115	..	7	140
Africa	Yeotmal	1	1	1	34	..	1	1	192	116	248	76	28	750	10000	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	18	115	..	7	140
India	Wun	1	1	1	34	..	1	1	192	116	248	76	28	750	10000	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	18	115	..	7	140
India	Darwah	1	1	1	34	..	1	1	192	116	248	76	28	750	10000	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	18	115	..	7	140
India	Umbri	1	1	1	34	..	1	1	192	116	248	76	28	750	10000	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	18	115	..	7	140
Japan	Osaka	6	1	1	34	..	1	1	192	116	248	76	28	750	10000	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	18	115	..	7	140
Japan	Sumoto	6	1	1	34	..	1	1	192	116	248	76	28	750	10000	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	18	115	..	7	140
Japan	Akashi	2	1	1	34	..	1	1	192	116	248	76	28	750	10000	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	18	115	..	7	140
Japan	Jungseh Hsien	2	1	1	34	..	1	1	192	116	248	76	28	750	10000	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	18	115	..	7	140
China	Kai Feng Fu	2	1	1	34	..	1	1	192	116	248	76	28	750	10000	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	18	115	..	7	140
China	Kai Hsien	2	1	1	34	..	1	1	192	116	248	76	28	750	10000	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	18	115	..	7	140
China	Sanchez	2	1	1	34	..	1	1	192	116	248	76	28	750	10000	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	18	115	..	7	140
Dominican Rep.	W. I. Santiago	2	1	1	34	..	1	1	192	116	248	76	28	750	10000	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	18	115	..	7	140
Dominican Rep.	W. I. Santo Domingo	2	1	1	34	..	1	1	192	116	248	76	28	750	10000	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	18	115	..	7	140
Dominican Rep.	W. I. El Rancho	2	1	1	34	..	1	1	192	116	248	76	28	750	10000	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	18	115	..	7	140
Dominican Rep.	W. I. San Francisco	2	1	1	34	..	1	1	192	116	248	76	28	750	10000	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	18	115	..	7	140
Dominican Rep.	W. I. de Macoris	2	1	1	34	..	1	1	192	116	248	76	28	750	10000	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	18	115	..	7	140
Total	83	18	35	137	84	5	34	1811	1516	3320	794	458	5010	81630	98	82	10	38	11	38	541	69	89	2762	90	79	1638

STATISTICAL REPORT OF AFRICA, INDIA, JAPAN, CHINA AND DOMINICAN REPUBLIC—1916-1917

COUNTRY	NAME OF STATION	Native contributions for all purposes	Amounts received by the missionaries in donations	Amounts sent by individuals for the support of native workers	Amounts sent by individuals and societies for the support of native children	Amounts received by the missionaries from all sources	Amount received from hut rents	Amount received from sale of produce, etc., from the station	Station church buildings	Number of buildings rented for religious purposes	Number used for living and school purposes by the natives	No. of station school buildings	No. rented for school purposes	No. station buildings occupied by the American missionaries	Number of acres of land belonging to the station	Value of the land	Value of all buildings and movable property belonging to the station and out-stations	Total value of all property belonging to the station and out-stations
Africa	Inhabane	\$ 218 25	\$ 29 16	\$ 14 60	\$ 43 76	\$ 75 00	\$ 60	42	26	36	42	2	1	24	4155	\$ 103231	\$94170	\$197461
Africa	Umsa, Germiston, Transvaal, Johannesburg	1284 50	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00
Africa	Fair View	175 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00
Africa	Itemba	120 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00
Africa	Edwaleni	49 25	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00
Africa	Greenville	30 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00
Africa	Critchlow	30 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00
Africa	Yeotmal	139 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00
India	Wun	139 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00
India	Barwah	139 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00
India	Dudhgaon	139 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00
India	Umsa	139 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00
Japan	Osaka	933 69	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00
Japan	Sumoto	344 12	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00
Japan	Sumoto	298 96	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00
Japan	Akashi	245 60	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00
Japan	Hyogo	245 60	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00
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TREASURER'S REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

From October 1, 1916, to October 1, 1917

Received

Received here for general fund.....	\$65250 17
Received on annuity by deaths.....	1000 00
Osaka church funds transferred.....	9885 36
Received from sale of Linhart property....	4258 40
Received from sale of Barnes property....	388 88
Received from sale of Alverson property....	1110 49
Received from Virginia Glenn's will.....	469 75
Received from transfer of special to general fund	2887 75

\$85250 80

Paid Out

To Africa direct	\$18400 26	
To Africa outgoing and returning missionaries	4214 54	
To Africa missionaries on furlough.....	1756 94	
		\$24371 74
To India direct	\$ 8114 00	
To India outgoing and returning missionaries	587 45	
To India missionaries on furlough.....	937 88	
		\$ 9639 33
To China direct	\$15495 68	
To China outgoing and returning missionaries	300 00	
To China missionaries on furlough.....	200 00	
		\$15995 68
To Japan direct	\$ 9180 02	
To Japan missionaries on furlough.....	238 75	
		\$ 9418 77
To Dominican Republic direct.....	\$ 2861 53	
To Dominican Republic outgoing and returning missionaries	200 00	
To Dominican Republic missionaries on furlough.	362 50	
		\$ 3424 03

\$62849 55

Expenses:

Annual meeting	\$ 630 98
Salaries of officers	1852 00
Field agent's salary	800 00
Field agent's expenses.....	115 00
Sundries	2671 46

\$ 6069 44

Overdrawn October 1, 1916.....

\$68918 99
10947 41

\$79866 40

Balance of general fund on hand October 1, 1917

\$ 5384 40

SPECIALS

On hand October 1, 1916.....	\$ 3371 09
Received during the year.....	6495 82

\$ 9866 91

Paid Out

To foreign fields	\$ 5117 43
Transferred to general fund.....	2887 75

\$ 8005 18

Specials on hand October 1, 1917.....

\$ 1861 73

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Of the above, received this year from W. F. M. S.....

\$59529 88

HONOR LIST OF MISSIONARIES

AFRICA

G. Harry Agnew,	Mary E. Carpenter,
W. W. and Mrs. Augusta Tullis Kelley,	J. J. and Emma Hilmon Haviland,
J. D. Bennett and wife,	Rev. A. D. Noyes and wife,
Mrs. Ida Heffner Spalding,	Ethel A. Cook,
Nathanael B. and Martha Harris Smith,	Elbert H. Wells and wife,
A. D. and Mrs. Abbie Lincoln,	Ole Kragerud.

INDIA

H. L. and Abbie Crockett,	Mary Louisa Ranf,
Mary E. Chynoweth,	Phoebe E. Ward,
Grace S. Smith Edwards	Anna Jones,
Mata D. Allee,	Emma Appling Gilpatrick,
Rose Cox,	Mattie J. Miller,
M. C. and Ethel S. Clarke,	C. C. Foreman and wife,
C. Lorena Marston,	Ella Becker.

CHINA

Clara A. Leffingwell,	Edith Graves,
Lily M. Peterson,	Fred J. Fletcher and wife,
Grace M. Stewart,	N. S. Honn and wife.

JAPAN

Wesley F. and Minnie Matthewson,	Matthias Klein and wife.
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DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Roy E. and Pauline Silcher Nichols.

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AFRICA

Miss F. Grace Allen, Fair View Mission Station, Umzumbi Rail, Natal, South Africa.

Miss Alice E. Evans, Fair View Mission Station, Umzumbi Rail, Natal, South Africa.

W. S. Woods and wife, Fair View Mission Station, Umzumbi Rail, Natal, South Africa.

Rev. J. W. Haley and wife, Fair View Mission Station, Umzumbi Rail, Natal, South Africa.

Mrs. Lillie Agnew, Magog Mission Station, Umzumbi Rail, Natal, South Africa.

Miss Lucy A. Hartman, Itemba Mission Station, Engabeni, Natal, South Africa.

Miss Nellie A. Reed, Itemba Mission Station, Engabeni, Natal, South Africa.

Dr. W. A. Backenstoe and wife, Edwaleni Mission Station, Izingolweni P. O., Alfred County, Natal, South Africa.

James S. Rice and wife, Edwaleni Training School, Izingolweni P. O., Alfred County, Natal, South Africa.

Rev. Ralph J. Jacobs and wife, Edwaleni Training School, Izingolweni P. O., Alfred County, Natal, South Africa.

Rev. A. M. Anderson and wife, Greenville Mission Station, Izingolweni P. O., Alfred County, Natal, South Africa.

Rev. Jules Ryff and wife, Box 183, Germiston, Transvaal, South Africa.

Rev. G. A. Pine and wife, Box 49, Inhambane, East Africa.

Miss Margaret A. Nickel, Box 49, Inhambane, East Africa.

Mae P. Armstrong, Box 49, Inhambane, East Africa.

Ida B. Rice, Ridge Road, Durban, Africa, care of Dr. McCord.

AFRICA MISSIONARIES ON FURLOUGH

Rev. J. P. Brodhead and wife, 621 East College avenue, Greenville, Illinois.
 Rev. N. B. Ghormley and wife, 5503 Isleta drive, Los Angeles, California.
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 Rev. G. G. Kessel and wife, 209 East Ivy street, Hanford, California.
 Rev. Carroll Smith and wife, Tionesta, Pennsylvania.

INDIA

Rev. J. T. Taylor and wife, Yeotmal, Berar, India.
 Miss Effie L. Southworth, Yeotmal, Berar, India.
 Miss Grace E. Barnes, Yeotmal, Berar, India.
 Miss Helen I. Root, Yeotmal, Berar, India.
 Miss Gertrude Alcorn, Darwah, Motibagh, Yeotmal District, Berar, India.
 Miss Edith M. Santee, Umbri Village, Pandharkawada, Yeotmal, Berar, India.
 Miss Elizabeth Moreland, Umbri Village, Pandharkawada, Yeotmal, Berar, India.
 Rev. E. F. Ward, Wun, Berar, India.
 Miss Ethel E. Ward, Wun, Berar, India.
 Miss Effie G. Cowherd, Wun, Berar, India.

INDIA MISSIONARIES ON FURLOUGH

Miss Louise D. Calkins, R. F. D. 2, Corning, New York.
 S. D. Casberg and wife, 7625 Bagley avenue (Green Lake), Seattle, Washington.
 Rev. H. M. Damon and wife, R. D. 6, Box 491, Seattle, Washington.

JAPAN

Rev. Roy W. Millican and wife, Sumoto, Awaji, Japan.
 Rev. August Youngren and wife, 1921 Hidein Cho, Tennoji, Osaka, Japan.
 Miss Ruth Mylander, 1921 Hidein Cho, Tennoji, Osaka, Japan.
 Miss Minnie K. Hessler, Akashi, Japan.
 Rev. Teikich Kawabe, 2824 Shita-dera Machi, Yochome, Minami Ku, Osaka, Japan.

JAPAN MISSIONARIES ON FURLOUGH

Rev. and Mrs. S. E. Cooper.
 Mrs. Grace L. Meikle, Round Town, Wisconsin.

CHINA

Rev. C. F. Appleton and wife, Kai Feng Fu, Honan, China.
 Rev. E. P. Ashcraft and wife, Kai Feng Fu, Honan, China.
 Miss Edith Frances Jones, Ki Hsien, Honan, China.
 Miss Letitia Chandler, Kai Feng Fu, Honan, China.
 Miss Bernice Wood, Kai Feng Fu, Honan, China.
 Dr. A. L. Grinnell and wife, Ki Hsien, Honan, China.
 Rev. G. D. Schlosser and wife, Ki Hsien, Honan, China.
 Rev. G. H. Scofield and wife, Jungtseh Hsien, Honan, China.
 Miss Maud W. Edwards, Jungtseh Hsien, Honan, China.
 Miss Kate P. Leininger, Kai Feng Fu, Honan, China.
 Jacob H. Schaffer, Kai Feng Fu, Honan, China.
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Miss Mattie J. Peterson, 2922 Third avenue, W., Seattle, Washington.
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DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Mr. George W. Mills and wife, San Francisco de Macoris, Dominican Republic, West Indies.

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Miss Nellie M. Whiffen, Santiago, Dominican Republic, West Indies.

Manuela D. Mills, San Francisco de Macoris, Dominican Republic, West Indies.

Rev. Raul Leon, Santiago, Dominican Republic, West Indies.

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Miss Belle Avery, 180 Western avenue, Albany, New York.

HOME MISSIONARIES

Among the Japanese: Miss Bertha Ahlemeyer, Port Los Angeles, California; Mrs. D. H. Thornton, Phoenix, Arizona.

Among the Mexicans: Nell True and Manuel Valerio, Los Angeles, California.

Among the Mohawk Indians: Mrs. Julia Smart.

In Panama Canal Zone: Rev. Fredrick Amsden.

MISSIONARIES ON FURLOUGH WITHOUT SALARY

Miss Maggie LaBarr, Sorento, Illinois.

Miss Ethel F. Newton, 81 East Main street, Norwich, New York.

Rev. A. E. Haley and wife, St. Boswells, Saskatchewan, Canada.

Rev. S. E. Cooper and wife, 405 West Jackson street, Belvidere, Illinois.

Miss Lucy H. Tittmore, Frelighsburg, Quebec, Canada.

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W. F. M. S. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Pursuant to the call of the chair, the fifteenth annual session of the Executive Committee of the General Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Free Methodist Church of North America was called to order at 2 p. m., Monday, October 15, by the president, Mrs. Mary L. Coleman, in their rooms at the Publishing House, Chicago.

The calling of the roll was responded to by nine members of the committee, viz.: Mrs. Coleman, Miss A. P. Carpenter, Mrs. R. E. Sellew, Mrs. L. C. Jensen, Mrs. Julia A. Muffitt, Mrs. E. L. Hogue, Mrs. A. L. Beers, Mrs. E. F. Shay and Mrs. C. T. Bolles. The Junior superintendent, Mrs. I. R. Winget, sent a note of greeting and excuse for her absence, with a report of her work for the year. Her cheering presence and counsel were missed.

We were glad to learn of the continued interest and prayers of our former valued member, Sister M. M. Robinson, who greeted us with a letter of encouragement and cheer.

Often during the sittings there was a sad reminder of the fact that we had lost by death the comradeship of our beloved editor of the **Tidings**, Mrs. Tressa R. Arnold. Her service was always of the hearty, faithful and efficient kind that caused her to be greatly missed during the session. A very tender and appreciative memorial service for her was held at the Wednesday afternoon sitting. There was general testimony by our women that our Sister Arnold's life had been an inspiration to better living. The October number of the **Tidings** was issued as a memorial number.

Miss A. P. Carpenter, who had been filling the vacancy caused by Sister

Arnold's illness for several months, was elected editor of the *Tidings* for the rest of the quadrennium.

A letter from the Committee was sent to Bishop Pearce expressing our tender sympathy for him in his recent bereavement by the death of his wife.

The school secretary, Mrs. Carrie T. Burritt, reported concerning the missionary interest and work in our schools and colleges.

Those attending the summer school at Winona Lake, Indiana, reported that the presence of our delegate, Mrs. Ella L. MacGeary, and the normal teacher, Mrs. C. T. Burritt, seemed to be much appreciated.

The sale of missionary books in our literature department was reported as very encouraging for the first year's work under the present arrangement. The gross receipts were \$1,397.97.

The Committee on Publication reported that the new Junior study book on China was now on sale, also a second edition of our "Missionary Hymns and Scripture Readings," and of the study book on Africa. A booklet, "Helps and Hints for Young People and Juniors," by Nellie Reed, has been issued and several new tracts. The Historical Calendar for 1917 has been entirely sold out and has brought in about \$70.00 profit. A new India Calendar for 1918 is now on sale for 25 cents. A new Manual is soon to be issued.

The central box committee reported that 3,094 pounds of dried fruit had been sent by them, divided proportionately among the mission stations.

It was voted to continue this year the payment of \$25.00 dues to the Federation of Woman's Missionary Boards. It was also voted to send \$5.00 to the Federation Committee on "Christian Literature for Women and Children in Mission Lands." The corresponding secretary was appointed "Federation Representative."

Applications from seven women candidates were considered and passed upon. Presentation was made of a bronze metal god from C. F. Appleton, brought from China by the kindness of our missionary secretary. It has been actually prayed to for two hundred years, but was given up by a convert. A fine colored map of Osaka, Japan, was given by J. S. MacGeary. A fiber mat from India, a cane made from the tea plant, and a cane which was the property of G. Harry Agnew were presented to the committee by W. B. Rose. Thanks were voted to the givers.

The home missions secretary, Mrs. E. F. Shay, gave a very encouraging report of the increasing opportunities presented to us for work, even more than we have money to enter into. The prosperous condition of the missions in and around Los Angeles among the Mexicans, Italians, Chinese and Japanese was cause for great rejoicing. There is also a harvest of souls among the Japanese through the consecrated efforts of Mrs. D. H. Thornton in Phoenix, Arizona. The report on home missions will be printed separately.

Rev. B. Winget sent reports of a hopeful opening of work in the Panama Zone, which will be considered by the Missionary Board.

The corresponding secretary's report showed a positive advance in the increased membership among both young and old, new societies organized, and a greater giving to home benevolences of all kinds. If only more complete reports could be sent in there would be a much better showing. The subscriptions to the *Tidings* were increased this year, so that no deficiency in the expense account was reported.

Mrs. L. C. Jensen, as treasurer, made all hearts glad by her report of an increase of money given during this taxing and trying year. The amount reported was \$63,163.57, an increase of nearly \$4,000.00 over last year.

The blessing of the Lord is evidently upon the missionary work of the church and His Spirit's presence was manifest in the several sittings of the Executive Committee.

CHARLOTTE T. BOLLES, Corresponding Secretary.

30 Stone street, Oneida, New York.

REPORT OF THE W. F. M. S. CORRESPONDING SECRETARY, 1916-1917

Greetings:—The years roll on! As the twenty-second year of our work as a General Woman's Foreign Missionary Society closes and its activities are reckoned up we look out upon prospective opportunities before us which will require the people of God to "do exploits" for Him if we keep pace with the intensiveness of the age. We can not afford to be slack.

In the face of seeming natural hindrances to the progress of work on the mission field through the tumults of war yet we know "our God is marching on," as is plainly visible in the unprecedented "open doors" everywhere, and in the increase of giving for missions among all denominations in this country. The Holy Spirit creates the demand for the gospel in men's hearts and then He touches the source of supply and we give. "Prayer changes things." The harvest fields are "white," the "laborers few." "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest."

The enthusiasm in our country is great in caring for the minds and bodies of men, but God's people alone will care for the needs of the souls of men. Our command is to "go." Let us enter the training camp and sacrifice, and do better business for our Captain.

There are strong evidences in the reports sent that many conferences are on the up grade in the missionary work. One of the newest societies—**Missouri**—says, "A spirit of progressiveness, not before manifested, marked our missionary meetings this year, and the outlook for Missouri is more promising."

North Michigan corresponding secretary says, "The W. F. M. S. is slowly but steadily, in spite of opposition, gaining in this conference. God is blessing the work."

Oregon reports that "the missionary fire has burned brightly this past year, with better results than ever before, both among old and young."

Colorado secretary writes that "nearly every Sabbath-school has taken up missionary work." Much has been done in benevolences, but no valuation reported.

New York conference reports 190 missionary meetings held, a conference book agent appointed and boxes sent to Gerry Homes, Olive Branch Mission, etc.

Central Illinois report is cheering. Mission study taken up and examinations held; general advancement made among the young and the honorary membership more than doubled; native preacher supported as well as missionary in Japan, and in spite of war claims the subscription at conference public meeting was triple the amount usually given.

Southern California report is also inspiring, but this, too, is a center of aggressive instruction along missionary lines. The foreign and home mission interests are both well served—missionaries, native workers in Japan and Africa, and \$1,000 raised for new manual training shop at Edwaleni, Africa, etc. At home a Mexican mission Sabbath-school of over sixty is supported, a Chinese mission and Japanese mission are cared for, and many local benevolences such as the giving of \$400 by one small society for the help of the needy. The secretary says, "God is certainly helping our people not only to be, but to give and to do."

Susquehanna is much inspired to activity by having seven missionaries sent from within her borders. They support thirteen orphans by individuals or societies, as well as native workers and missionaries. A conference book agent has demonstrated the benefit of having such an office, for she sold \$225 worth of books last year. This will bear fruit.

The increase in the **Canada** conferences is notable, commendable and interesting when we consider the very heavy tax the country has been under from the war. Their honorary membership is large and their giving to missions generous.

Home benevolences of all sorts have received more attention than before. We wish it was better reported. The principal valuation in foreign boxes has been in dried fruits, mostly supplied by the western conferences and equally apportioned to the missionaries.

Again let us say emphatically, "Use our tools," such as **Blanks and Constitution and By-laws** (free for postage). **Mission Study Books** on Africa, China, India and Japan for 25 cents. **Helps and Hints** to Young People and Juniors, 6

cents. **Manual** for 10 cents. **Calendars**, helpful and pretty, 25 cents. The **Missionary Tidings**, 50 cents per year, which needs our support, and we need its instruction. The "**Proceedings** of the General Missionary Board and the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society," 10 cents, will be found full of help for missionary meetings.

Our literature department is now well equipped and under the care of Mrs. L. C. Jensen, 1134 Washington boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, where all these **tools** may be found. Eight conferences have appointed special agents to push sales.

With heart and hand let us together "push the business of Jesus."

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE W. F. M. S.

From October 1, 1916, to October 1, 1917

CONFERENCES	Date of Organization	District Societies	Local Societies	Active Members	Honorary Members	Life Members	Y. P. and Junior Societies	Y. P. and Junior Members	"Tidings" Subscriptions	"Tidings" Agents	Missionary Libraries	Boxes—Fruit and Goods Foreign Missions	All Other Benevolences Goods or Money
Alberta	1914	2	3	38	11	1	2	12	4				
Arkansas and So. Missouri	1915	2	1	128	25	1	1	14	1				
California	1895	2	15	224	33	2	7	58	52	Yes	Yes	106 76	
Central Illinois	1896	3	11	136	9	14	7	96	5	2		8 00	83 52
Colorado	1896	3	11	136	9	14	7	96	5	2		29 48	165 27
Columbia River	1896	3	12	180	35	2	5	65	40	4	Yes		423 75
East Michigan	1896	4	33	472	67		13	419	73	12	1	102 27	276 61
East Ontario	1896	4	22	428	230	2	13	383	126	1	No		
East Texas	1915	1	3	34	3	4			3	5			3 85
Genesee	1895		35	594	135	12	22	457	203			16 70	830 85
Georgia and Florida	1913	1	4	50	40		4	27	10	1			
Illinois	1895	4	21	290	81	17	16	107	78				
Iowa	1894	4	8	180	22	27	9	133	47	2	1		
Kansas	1894	6	17	249	15	5	11	179	34	5	1	20 65	175 27
Kentucky and Tennessee	1912		2	27	7		1	17	9				
Louisiana	1916												
Michigan	1892	3	15	269	81	2	7	92	125	9	3		
Minnesota and No. Iowa	1897	1	10	98	21	2	2	15	31	4			19 48
Missouri	1906		2	44	2				1				
Nebraska	1907		4	30		1	2	10		1	1		
New York	1893	5	22	325	65	1	13	335	100	10		122 07	
North Dakota	1897	2	8	94	19	5	4	20	37	1	1		
North Michigan	1900	3	9	170	24		1	15	15	1	1	57 08	25 00
North Minnesota	1898	1	7	65	11	7	4	47	15	1	1	11 00	24 00
Ohio	1892	3	23	334	92	2	15	330	56	9	1	71 67	103 50
Oil City	1899	6	58	781	288	22	49	596	247	28	5		90 62
Oklahoma	1899	7	10	116	11	2	4	72	40	5	3		
Oregon	1895	3	17	200	25	2	14	202	72	16	1	229 49	
*Pittsburgh	1892	6	47	819	335	52	33	875	384	17	5	18 50	30 00
*Platte River	1896	2	3	66	12	13	1	12	25				
Saskatchewan	1903	2	10	185	98	11	8	222	55	Yes	4	35 00	
Southern California	1899	3	22	392	109	5	19	407	125	15	11	110 94	1184 82
South Dakota	1899	3	10	99	16	36	5	106	46	Yes	Yes		120 00
Southern Oregon	1912	2	5	36	9	1	4	20	9	2			
Susquehanna	1895	7	32	430	82	9	27	344	128	10	6	159 74	718 90
†Texas	1894	3	3	75	50		3	54	10				100 00
Wabash	1896	3	12	190	25	3	9	167	48	2	5	5 00	25 00
Washington	1889	4	24	335	64	12	14	320	116	18	3	52 50	40 50
*West Iowa	1896	2	5	98	9	1			16			25 00	
*West Kansas	1896	3	16	170	48	10	12	144	46	15	2	15 90	187 40
West Ontario	1896	4	27	371	211	2	10	707	71	1	1		
Wisconsin	1891	5	15	175	13	8	4	46	40	Yes	1	182 00	295 73
Total—1917		120	613	9005	2432	301	381	7321	2626			\$1379 75	\$4924 07
Total—1916		117	603	8468	2432	329	339	6333	2427				

*1916 reports. †1915 report.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

From October 1, 1916, to October 1, 1917

ALBERTA—\$540.88

Foreign	\$ 465.41
Native evangelist, China.....	50.00
Nellie Reed	9.00
Juniors	14.37
Delegates' expenses	2.10

ARKANSAS AND SOUTHERN MISSOURI

—\$18.60

Foreign	\$ 12.20
Juniors	6.40

CALIFORNIA—\$779.89

Foreign	\$ 497.07
India orphans	60.00
Scholarships	20.00
Home missions	50.00
Native worker, Africa.....	80.13
Young people	2.75
Self-denial	31.49
Juniors	38.15
Delegates' expenses .....	.30

CENTRAL ILLINOIS—\$1,646.38

Foreign	\$ 1,078.57
India orphans	55.00
Scholarships	46.50
Native worker, Japan.....	143.13
Home missions	36.17
S. E. Cooper	95.80
Outgoing expenses S. E. Cooper..	100.99
Nellie Reed (personal).....	10.50
Self-denial	65.91
China hospital	5.00
Juniors	8.81

COLORADO—\$756.51

Foreign	\$ 448.75
India orphans	15.00
Scholarships	45.55
Native worker, India.....	74.97
Home missions	32.34
Native worker, Japan.....	9.77
Bible woman, Japan.....	5.00
Japanese worker, California.....	13.41
Self-denial	48.05
Native worker, Africa.....	5.75
China orphans	32.00
Juniors	25.82
Delegates' expenses .....	.10

COLUMBIA RIVER—\$723.67

Foreign	\$ 665.62
Self-denial	16.40
Grace Stewart	30.00
Bible for Africa natives.....	10.00
Juniors	1.65

EAST MICHIGAN—\$2,891.07

Foreign	\$ 2,250.06
India orphans	40.00
Scholarships	147.25
Home missions	46.19
Young people	50.00
Native worker, Africa.....	50.00
Anand Rao, India	200.00
Drs. Ryff's child.....	25.00
Dr. Backenstoe	5.00
Self-denial	28.84
Juniors	39.28
Delegates' expenses	9.45

EAST ONTARIO—\$2,349.91

Foreign	\$ 1,769.96
India orphans	20.00
Home missions	44.39
Self-denial	63.76
Special for Africa.....	100.00
Juniors	351.80

EAST TEXAS—\$58.23

Foreign	\$ 54.48
Self-denial	3.75

GENESEE—\$2,497.47

Foreign	\$ 1,654.67
India orphans	235.00
Scholarships	10.00
Native worker, Africa.....	25.00
Home missions	41.21
India rest home.....	3.50
Africa hospital	29.50
Picture for native worker, Japan	.50
Native worker, Japan.....	65.00
China orphans	17.65
Maude Edwards	25.00
China hospital	2.00
Self-denial	104.30
Edith Jones' protegee (baby)....	10.00
Young people	1.35
Nellie Reed	8.00
Native worker, China.....	15.00
Juniors	242.81
Delegates' expenses	6.98

GEORGIA AND FLORIDA—\$200.00

Foreign	\$ 168.40
Native worker, Africa.....	10.00
Native worker, India.....	10.00
J. S. Rice.....	10.00
Juniors	1.60

ILLINOIS—\$2,855.60

Foreign	\$ 2,276.96
India orphans	117.08
Scholarships	25.00
Young people	58.92
Native worker, Japan.....	50.00
Home missions	9.35
Self-denial	87.85
Nellie Reed	3.40
China hospital	25.00
Juniors	202.04

IOWA—\$1,110.66

Foreign	\$ 903.95
India orphans	5.00
Scholarships	57.75
Home missions	29.66
Self-denial	16.51
Nellie Reed	13.35
Juniors	84.44

KANSAS—\$1,134.50

Foreign	\$ 942.82
Native worker, Africa.....	95.00
Home missions	4.69
Self-denial	33.29
Young people	9.65
Juniors	48.10
Delegates' expenses .....	.95

KENTUCKY AND TENNESSEE—\$155.87

Foreign	\$ 147.10
Self-denial	4.65
Juniors	4.12

LOUISIANA—\$20.00		OHIO—\$3,131.77	
Foreign	\$ 20.00	Foreign	\$ 2,507.44
MICHIGAN—\$2,277.68		Scholarships	37.73
Foreign	\$ 2,049.76	Self-denial	83.96
Scholarships	15.00	Home missions	52.46
Young people	7.08	Africa hospital	53.00
Home missions	20.24	Young people	26.93
Self-denial	60.54	Native worker, Africa.....	3.93
Native worker, Africa.....	13.50	Mary Cooper	26.50
Bequest of Mrs. Grassley.....	50.00	Brother and Sister Mills.....	33.00
Juniors	60.01	Kate Leininger's outfit.....	150.00
Delegates' expenses	1.55	Kate Leininger's support.....	17.13
MINNESOTA AND NORTHERN IOWA—\$801.73		Juniors	136.59
Foreign	\$ 366.12	Delegates' expenses	3.05
India orphans	20.00	OIL CITY—\$5,912.05	
Scholarships	20.00	Foreign	\$ 4,571.11
Native worker, Africa.....	240.00	India orphans	45.91
Home missions	30.85	Scholarships	193.12
Native worker, India.....	42.00	Home missions	30.58
Native worker, China.....	25.00	Native worker, Africa.....	208.53
Self-denial	37.36	Bhikaji	15.00
Juniors	20.40	Young people	48.01
MISSOURI—\$117.77		Native worker, India.....	43.00
Foreign	\$ 107.42	Self-denial	223.11
Self-denial	10.35	Japan church	5.00
NEBRASKA—\$210.66		For horses for R. J. Jacobs.....	75.00
Foreign	\$ 186.03	E. Southworth	1.00
Self-denial	7.54	Juniors	437.48
Home missions	2.00	Delegates' expenses	15.20
Juniors	14.09	OKLAHOMA—\$1,272.44	
Delegates' expenses	1.00	Foreign	\$ 744.35
NEW YORK—\$2,427.43		Scholarships	15.00
Foreign	\$ 1,744.72	Home missions	19.50
India orphans	59.84	Self-denial	46.47
Scholarships	55.00	Harry Agnew fund.....	25.00
Native worker, Africa.....	90.00	Osaka church	400.00
Home missions	67.25	Juniors	20.42
Africa hospital	68.00	Delegates' expenses	1.70
Furnishing room, Africa hospital	16.15	OREGON—\$859.81	
Edwaleni school	2.70	Foreign	\$ 646.61
Native worker, Japan.....	8.00	Scholarships	25.02
Self-denial	103.50	Home missions	33.52
Special for E. Moreland.....	35.00	Young people	16.14
Nellie Reed	26.64	C. L. memorial hospital.....	7.00
China hospital	8.00	Self-denial	50.71
Santo Domingo school.....	3.52	Juniors	80.81
Juniors	138.51	PITTSBURGH—\$7,580.40	
Delegates' expenses .....	.60	Foreign	\$ 6,118.79
NORTH DAKOTA—\$540.00		India orphans	172.00
Foreign	\$ 208.80	Scholarships	92.57
India orphans	37.52	Home missions	74.92
Native worker, Africa.....	205.75	Native worker, India.....	75.00
Home missions	19.48	Africa hospital	101.91
Rev. Damon's children	40.88	China—special	5.00
Self-denial	17.32	Joseph Unbekemi	5.00
Grace Allen's school.....	5.00	Susie Agnew	37.32
Juniors	5.25	Osaka church	24.50
NORTH MICHIGAN—\$695.47		Delbert Grinnell	26.43
Foreign	\$ 574.48	Self-denial	120.95
India orphans	71.00	Native worker, Africa.....	4.18
Scholarships	20.00	Young people	7.64
Self-denial	29.99	Missionary boxes	4.70
NORTH MINNESOTA—\$372.60		Juniors	708.89
Foreign	\$ 338.34	Delegates' expenses .....	.60
Home missions	1.20	PLATTE RIVER—\$334.88	
Self-denial	5.00	Foreign	\$ 34.65
Juniors	28.06	India orphans	2.70
		Edith Santee	252.75
		Native worker, India.....	2.50
		Sewing machine for Edith Santee	23.90
		Self-denial	16.45
		Juniors	1.93

SASKATCHEWAN—\$1,550.45

Foreign	\$82.62
Scholarships	13.25
Home missions	12.00
Young people	29.16
Greenville girls' boarding school	327.00
Nellie Reed (personal)	3.00
Self-denial	53.10
Juniors	284.32

SOUTH DAKOTA—\$958.90

Foreign	\$700.62
Scholarships	37.29
Home missions	3.00
Miss Hartman	138.00
School in Africa	20.00
Self-denial	37.18
Nellie Reed (personal)	3.50
Louisa Rauf	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Anderson	5.00
Juniors	9.31

SOUTHERN OREGON—\$93.91

Foreign	\$89.81
Juniors	4.10

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA—\$4,076.78

Foreign	\$1,443.82
India orphans	99.05
Scholarships	315.78
Native worker, Japan	10.25
Native worker, Africa	42.27
Dr. Grinnell (special)	100.00
Dr. Grinnell (salary)	335.50
Home missions	391.75
Native worker, India	17.50
Young people	33.40
Outgoing expenses (Ashcraft)	65.95
Ashcraft fund	312.73
E. P. Ashcraft (personal)	25.00
China hospital	19.20
India church	65.71
Japan church	15.00
Auto for India	401.60
Bell for India church	150.00
Chinese boy	6.00
To buy Testaments for Los Angeles workers	2.50
Self-denial	60.65
Girls' school, Pondoland	5.00
Tools at Edwaleni	9.70
Microscope for Ashcraft	67.50
Juniors	80.92

SUSQUEHANNA—\$3,775.25

Foreign	\$2,076.29
India orphans	184.68
Native worker, Japan	190.28
Native worker, Africa	39.77
Home missions	37.78
Young people	28.11
Africa hospital	7.00
Maximo Conde	137.40
Yeotmal church	37.15
Church at Sanchez, San. Dom.	10.00
School for converts' children, Dominican Republic	91.54
Support of Chela in San. Dom.	20.00
Romona	20.00
Minnie Hessler	307.80
Self-denial	92.40
Melvin Casberg	3.15
Japan church	2.40
Nellie Reed	40.50
Eva Whiffen	10.00
Nellie Whiffen	260.00
Louise Calkins	38.07
Helen I. Root	10.01
China hospital	6.95
Juniors	123.57

TEXAS—\$400.75

Foreign	\$302.35
India orphans	20.00
Native evangelist, China	25.00
Native worker, India	18.79
Self-denial	9.65
Juniors	24.36
Delegates' expenses	.60

WABASH—\$1,321.92

Foreign	\$926.51
Scofield fund	97.78
Home missions	60.41
Chinese boy	15.00
Native worker, Japan	150.00
Self-denial	45.69
Juniors	26.53

WASHINGTON—\$2,160.25

Foreign	\$1,580.04
India orphans	60.80
Scholarships	12.00
Native worker, India	64.50
Native worker, Africa	145.00
Teacher in Darwah	14.00
Teacher in Berar	15.00
Japan church	10.00
China hospital	17.00
Home missions	26.28
Young people	10.46
Ethel Ward fund	15.00
Self-denial	103.46
Education Anderson children	15.00
Juniors	71.51
Delegates' expenses	.20

WEST IOWA—\$655.88

Foreign	\$562.56
India orphans	35.00
Scholarships	16.52
Home missions	11.45
Self-denial	8.80
Juniors	21.55

WEST KANSAS—\$834.64

Foreign	\$652.03
Scholarships	30.00
Native worker, Africa	65.10
Home missions	17.65
Sia Hu Erl	20.00
Self-denial	21.40
Juniors	28.26
Delegates' expenses	.20

WEST ONTARIO—\$1,979.73

Foreign	\$1,344.39
Scholarships	10.00
Home missions	25.56
Self-denial	187.53
Edward Kessel	3.79
John Kessel	25.00
Africa hospital	36.53
Native worker, India	2.00
Effie Cowherd	97.00
Juniors	247.68
Delegates' expenses	.25

WISCONSIN—\$857.40

Foreign	\$768.68
Self-denial	21.28
Home missions	24.56
Boxes	34.00
Juniors	8.88

MISCELLANEOUS—\$132.42

To G. W. Saunders, interest	\$75.00
A friend	7.42
Carpenter estate	50.00
Monroe fund	70.00
Advertising in Missionary Tidings	21.36

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Foreign	\$44,830.36
India orphans	1,355.58
Scholarships	1,260.33
Native worker, Africa.....	1,323.91
Native worker, Japan.....	626.43
Native worker, India.....	550.26
Native worker, China.....	115.00
Home missions	1,256.44
Young people	329.65
Self-denial	1,950.19
Delegates' expenses	44.83
C. L. memorial hospital.....	90.15
Africa hospital	295.94
Juniors	3,652.82
Miscellaneous	5,472.68
	\$63,163.57

DISBURSEMENTS

To George Saunders, treasurer.....	\$59,529.88
To contingent fund	2,249.17
To home missions	1,269.69
To Monroe fund	70.00
To delegates' expenses	44.83
Total.....	\$63,163.57

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ADDENDA AND ERRATA

CENTRAL ILLINOIS—E. P. Boyd is not a supply, as is given in the appointments. In the statistical report for the Decatur circuit the column "parsonage rent" should be blank and the column "elder's support" should be \$88.07. Also on Ipava circuit the preacher's salary should be \$400.00 instead of \$4.00.

EAST MICHIGAN—In the statistical table under the Port Huron district the pastor of the Yale and Ball circuit should be given as L. G. Morgan, the members 27, the probationers 3, the total membership 30, the number of copies of *Free Methodist* taken 9, the number of Sunday-schools 2, officers and teachers 14 and scholars 51.

GENESEE.—In the statistical report the Tonawanda charge should be listed as having 38 members and 7 probationers, making a total of 45.

KANSAS—In the appointments for the Solomon district the Salina circuit should be given with G. I. Winans as pastor. The address of S. L. Crouch is Scranton instead of Solomon.

MICHIGAN—Under disciplinary question number 21 the apportionment for Mrs. Elizabeth Baker should be \$150 instead of \$50. Ann Arbor should be added to Wayne and Ypsilanti circuit. The W. F. M. S. of the Temperance and Ida circuit raised \$15.00 instead of \$3.00.

WASHINGTON—Rev. W. A. Cummings was appointed by Bishop Sellew and the district elder to Puyallup as pastor and Eva Alberts was made a supply at Auburn with her husband, B. H. Alberts.

WEST IOWA—The district elder of the Shenandoah district received \$704.20 in all from his district.

